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“The Word That Shines, Grows, and Expands”

Mark 4:21-34

1. The Lamp - The Word Must Be Revealed

(Mark 4:21-25)

2. The Growing Seed - The Word Grows Mysteriously

(Mark 4:26-29)

3. The Mustard Seed - The Word Expands Beyond Expectation

(Mark 4:26-29)

Questions for study and discussion:

1. Why does Jesus connect the image of a lamp with the idea of revelation and responsibility? (*verses 21-22*)
2. What does Jesus mean by “Take heed what you hear” (*verse 24*), and how does this relate to spiritual growth?
3. What does the farmer’s inability to explain the seed’s growth teach us about the nature of the kingdom? (*verses 26-27*)
4. How do the stages “blade, head, full grain” (*verse 28*) illustrate the way God works in people’s lives?
5. Why does Jesus choose a mustard seed to describe the kingdom, and what does this reveal about God’s ways? (*verses 30-32*)
6. What is the significance of the birds nesting in the branches (*verse 32*), and how does this deepen the meaning of the parable?