

# How Does Your Garden Grow?

Mark 4:26-34

## **The kingdom of God grows quietly and continuously (26-29)**

The kingdom of God is like . . .

The sower goes about his business without giving any conscious thought to the seed and its growth. Meanwhile, it goes through a long, slow process of growth he cannot explain.

When the time is right, the harvest will come.

## **Quiet, continuous growth will have amazing results (30-32)**

The smallest of seeds can grow into the tallest of shrubs. In the same way, the kingdom of God may appear insignificant, but it will surpass the mightiest kingdoms on earth.

## **Parables (33-34)**

Jesus used parables to teach the crowds. He explained the meaning to his disciples in private.

## **Growth Zones**

The growth of the kingdom is a mysterious partnership. We sow the seed of the gospel. God causes it to grow. Human effort cannot achieve the kingdom of God. Human insight cannot explain the kingdom of God.

We can have great confidence that God's plan will succeed. Despite setbacks, lack of visible progress, critics, etc., the kingdom of God will grow and triumph.

Rather than always being in a hurry, we need to practice patient faith. God gives the growth, and it follows an appointed order that cannot be hurried or bypassed.