

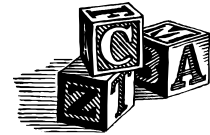
Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Kingdom of God is Like a Mustard Seed" - Mark 4:30-34
(Gospel parallels - Matt. 13:31-35; Luke 13:18, 19)

Basic Ideas from Mark 4:30-34.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know Jesus as the goal of God's purpose.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose Him as our ultimate joy, satisfaction, and rest.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in the rule of God.



Basic Questions from Mark 4:30-34.

1. What response do you think this parable had on those who were outside the kingdom of God?
2. What response do you think this parable had on those who were inside the kingdom of God?
3. In Jesus' parable, the farmer waits patiently for the seed to bear fruit. What are the dangers today of Christians being impatient and trying to determine the gospel's effect?
4. Was what Jesus taught understandable by His immediate audience?
5. Why did Jesus not explain everything to everyone, rather than only to His disciples?

The **Basic Application** from Mark 4:30-34.

1. We must never despise the day of small things. God is building his Church, gathering in his elect, and establishing his Kingdom.
2. As citizens of His Kingdom we are to rejoice that He rules with certainty.
3. As citizens of His Kingdom we are to rejoice in the victory of His rule.
4. Let us broadcast the seed liberally, but let us also invest in individuals intentionally and by design.
5. What does this parable cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?