



# ***Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide***

SERMON DATE: 5/15/2022  
DISCUSSION DATE: 5/22/2022  
TEXT: MARK 4:26-34

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## **ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE LABORER**

### **I. THE GROWING SEED (vss. 26-29)**

A. The farmer plants (vs. 26)

B. God gives the increase (vss. 27-28)

C. The farmer tends to the harvest (vs. 29)

### **II. MUSTARD SEED (vss. 30-32)**

## **FOR CONFERENCING**

1. **Read Mark 4:26.** What is the seed (hint: see 4:14)? Where does the man sow the seed? (hint: remember the parable of the sower and the seed) Where does the Christian labor, and what is he responsible to do? What do you think the qualifications are to do the work?
  
2. **Read Mark 4:27-28 & 1 Corinthians 3:7.** After planting, what does the farmer do? What happens to the seed? Once in the ground does the farmer know or even have control over the growth of the plant? What must he wait for? Who brings life to the seed?
  
3. **Read John 3:1-7; John 1:12-13; & John 6:44.** Work through each passage and describe in as much detail how the scriptures picture and present salvation (how does one receive spiritual life?).
  
4. **Read Romans 1:16.** What are Paul's three "I am" statements? If we are to approach gospel work as Paul did (and we should), what would it look like?
  
5. **Read Philippians 1:6.** What does this verse tell us about salvation?
  
6. **Read Mark 4:29.** Once the harvest comes, what is the farmer to do? What do you think that looks like for the gospel laborer? What does he do after one receives spiritual life?
  
7. **Read Mark 4:30-34 and Daniel 7:13-14)** The parable of the Mustard Seed pictures how the kingdom of God will "grow," and Daniel describes the future kingdom. How do you think this parable encouraged the disciples (and should encourage us as disciples today)?