

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE:

March 1, 2026

Small Group Discussion Guide

Series: MARK: The Life of a Disciple

Title: The Kingdom of God

Passage: Mark 4:26–32

Big Idea: *The Kingdom of God is the rule of Jesus over the entire creation that upends expectations.*

JESUS IS KING

Read: Mark 1:15; Mark 10:14–15

- What comes to mind when you hear the word *kingdom*?
- Why might the idea of a King feel uncomfortable in our cultural context?
- According to these passages, who belongs in Jesus' Kingdom?
- Jesus is not elected, negotiated with, or advised — He reigns. Why is it good news that Jesus is King? (consider his life and actions: humble, servant-hearted, sacrificial)
- What would it look like for Jesus to truly be King over your decisions, priorities, and identity this week?

IT GROWS BY GOD'S POWER

Read: Mark 4:26–29

- What stands out about how the seed grows?
- What does this parable teach us about our role versus God's role in the Kingdom?
- The Kingdom does not depend on our control, charisma, or strategy. Where are you tempted to force growth instead of trusting God?
- How can we encourage one another to be faithful in small acts of obedience and trust God with the results?
- Where do you need patience in trusting God's unseen work?

IT IS LARGER THAN YOU IMAGINE

Read: Mark 4:30–32

- Why does Jesus compare the Kingdom to a mustard seed?
- Where do you see small beginnings in your life or in our church life?
- God's Kingdom often looks insignificant before it becomes influential. Why is this encouraging?
- What small step of obedience might God use for something much bigger?

Closing Prayer

Ask Jesus to deepen your trust in His rule, align your life with His reign, and grow His Kingdom in and through you — patiently, humbly, and faithfully.