<u>"Your Kingdom Come"</u> Fruitfulness in the Kingdom – Mark 4:1-20 (4:1-35)

PARABLES (1-8)

"He taught them many things by parables." (v.2)

HEARING (9-12)

"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." (v.9)

FRUITFULNESS (13-20)

"Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown." (v.20)

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Digging Deeper questions for personal reflection & group discussion

PARABLES (1-8)

What was the key to Jesus being able to communicate effectively to every audience who listened to him?

What's the 'one big thing' about this parable that strikes you as you read or listen to it?

HEARING (9-12)

What's the difference between 'listening' and really 'hearing' Jesus' message of salvation? When did you first truly 'hear' it?

Are there people you know who haven't responded to Jesus yet, no matter what you've said to them or prayed for them? How do Jesus' words both comfort and challenge us here?

FRUITFULNESS (13-20)

"If God's word takes <u>root</u>, the result will be <u>fruit</u>" – why is this a good phrase to remember?

What place does God's word have:

- In your personal life?
- In your family life?
- In the way you interact with people at church?
- In your relationships with non-Christians?

What fruit have you seen God grow in your life as a result of trusting in Jesus? What fruit would you love Him to grow more of?

What vision do you have of what our church would look like if we became truly fruitful for Jesus?! Pray about this and ask God to grow your vision for what we can become together!