

11. The Old Testament saints didn't know anything about the gap between what two events?
12. Today we are in what form of the kingdom?
13. The parable of the soils emphasizes the fact that there are going to be a variety of what to the preaching of the kingdom?
14. Some people will immediately do what with the message of the kingdom?
15. Some people are going to have a positive response initially but it's only what?
16. Some people have an interest in the kingdom and an interest in the truth but they allow what to choke out their interest?
17. There are those who truly receive the word and they are given what?
18. The parable of the seed emphasizes that what has life in itself?
19. When we come to Mark 4:30-31, Jesus is talking about the mystery form of the kingdom of God during what age?
20. Their smallest seed would grow into a bush or a tree that could stand 15 feet high and that could be a refuge for what?
21. What two Old Testament prophets use imagery of birds to refer to peoples from all nations?
22. In Ephesians 2:11, Paul begins by describing the former condition of whom?
23. The Jews failed to understand that God was concerned about internal what?
24. From Ephesians 2:12, first we learn that the Gentiles were alienated from whom?
25. A second thing the Gentiles were without was what?
26. What were Gentiles strangers of?
27. What promise is the overriding promise in all of God's covenants with Israel?
28. If Gentiles don't have Christ, citizenship, or covenants, they are without what?
29. Is Paul saying that the Gentiles were atheists when he wrote, "without God in the world"?
30. Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:13 that these Gentile Christians now are what?
31. Jesus Christ is alone our what?
32. The outer court of the Temple was called the what?
33. The greatest barrier between Jew and Gentile was caused by what?
34. When did God silence the ceremonial law once and for all?
35. What is the point of the use of the word "new" in Ephesians 2:15?
36. The church didn't start until when?
37. The problem of enmity was really deeper than what?
38. Both Jew and Gentile are what (because of sin)?
39. Once Jews and Gentiles are reconciled they form what (v.16)?

40. Christ's blood, His flesh, and the cross are really interchangeable terms because all refer to what?

41. What verse in Ephesians 2 tells us that the only way to God for anyone (Jew or Gentile) is through Jesus Christ?

42. What's the message of Ephesians 2:11-18?

43. The kingdom has grown from its tiny Jewish beginnings and now it is what?

44. Will you be part of the "people from every tribe and tongue and people and nation giving praise to the Lamb of God who was slain to make us a kingdom and priests to serve our God"?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change

FOR NEXT TIME:

1. Read: Mark 1-4 through one time
2. Read Mark 4:35-41 five times
3. Why do you think Mark records the miracle of Jesus in vs. 35-41?
4. What do you learn about Jesus from this section of Mark?

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THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

Mark 4:30-34

Series #20

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"The Parable of The Mustard Seed."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Jesus taught with power, with precision, & with an amazing what?
 2. What are one shining example of his teaching ability?
 3. Jesus began His ministry by calling for people to do what and become a part of what?
 4. The majority of Jewish people responded to Jesus' call to repentance with one of what two responses?
 5. What group responded with animosity?
 6. When the Jewish leaders called Jesus demon possessed and Satanic, Jesus began to speak to the crowds in what?
 7. When Jesus taught the disciples parables He was teaching them what?
 8. Jesus used parables to communicate new concepts of spiritual truth through what?
 9. Jesus also spoke in parables to conceal what from unbelievers?
 10. Jesus teaching in parables was an act of mercy because if Jesus had continued to give them more truth, what would increase?
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