



Growth Group Worksheet

January 14, 2016

Mark 4:21-34

1. For those who missed last week: Talk about some of the goals you set before Winter Break — how are they coming along? What do you want to keep working on this quarter?

2. What are some popular trends you have noticed in churches trying their hardest to increase attendance and “grow” the church?

What are some positives we can learn from the Church Growth Movement?

What are some things to be wary of?

3. In a sermon addressed to mostly pastors and church leaders, John MacArthur used verses 26-29 to explain why he gets good sleep as a minister. How do you think he make this connection?

How does this relate to the average Christian who is not a pastor?

4. The Kingdom of God would start with Israel, with a very few, and grow out to provide a blessing to other nations (compare 30-32 with Ezekiel 17:23, 31:6; Daniel 4:12). The Kingdom of God was never meant to bless only inwardly but to continually bless outwardly.

What are some things you can start doing to start scattering seed so that you can “sleep” and watch God make things grow?

5. This passage warns against an overemphasis on man’s abilities in kingdom growth. It also warns against lack of involvement. We should be faithfully shedding Christ’s light while trusting that the fruitfulness of the crop is not on us ultimately.

Which one do you tend toward?

Spend some time in prayer for each others’ goals and for the growth of the Growth Group both spiritually and numerically. Pray for involvement in the sowing of seeds and for God’s providence over a successful crop would be evident to us at CFC.