

Together For Worship -Mark 4:30-41

A guide to worship as a family in your home

Set aside a time when everyone in your family is ready for a time of worship together in your home. Also, make sure to read through the text first before you begin.

Pray Together-

- ⊕ Spend time together praying for the Holy Spirit to move in your time of worship.

Sing Together-

- ⊕ Sing any or all of the songs below. These are songs for corporate worship on Sunday.
 - ✓ All I Have Is Christ, 10,000 Reasons, The Lion And The Lamb (the songs are available on You Tube).

Catch the Idea Together

- ⊕ Together as a family, search “mustard seed” and “mustard tree” on google images. Talk about what you see when you see the mustard seed and then compare it to the mustard tree.
- ⊕ In the passage we are reading today, Jesus shares the parable of the mustard seed to talk to His disciples about the Kingdom of God. The mustard seed was the smallest in comparison to all the other seeds that Jewish people would sow. Yet, as it is planted it grew large and had great impact. Through this parable, Jesus is teaching the disciples truths about how the Kingdom of God will grow and expand and impact the world. What Jesus said to His disciples about the Kingdom of God was true and right. The Kingdom of God continues to grow and impact the world. As we think about being Kingdom people, lets be committed to live for the Kingdom.

Discuss His Word Together-

- ⊕ Open up God’s Word and read Mark 4:30-41
 - ✓ What does Jesus say the Kingdom of God is like? What do you think this meant?
 - ✓ What does verse 32 tells us about the impact the mustard seed had after it grew? What do you think this tell us about the great impact of the Kingdom of God?
 - ✓ What happens in verses 35-41? What do you think this taught them about Jesus? What do you think this taught them about having faith in Christ as they proclaimed the Kingdom of God?

Applying What We Are Learning Together

- ⊕ Take time to think through how to apply what we are learning
 - ✓ Talk about how what Jesus said about the Kingdom of God was true and right.
 - ✓ Ask - How is God’s Kingdom growing and impacting the world today?
 - ✓ What are some ways we have heard about God’s Kingdom growing & impacting the world? (this can be stories you have heard about believers from years ago, or recently)

- ✓ How have we seen God's Kingdom growing and impacting Richmond?
- ✓ What kind of faith do we need to have as we proclaim the truth of the Kingdom of God?

Closing Prayer Together

- ⊕ Before praying, think about this quote from author Trevin Wax- "Today, if we are to be true citizens of God's Kingdom, our obedience to Christ must touch every area of our lives. Confessing with our mouths that "Jesus is Lord" does not affect only our church life and a few spiritual habits here and there. As Kingdom people, we must be actively spreading God's reign into every segment of society, influencing the world by bringing God's love and grace to all." (taken from <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/trevin-wax/the-growing-kingdom-of-god/>)
- ⊕ Closing Prayer Points
 - ✓ Pray that we would be obedient to the call of Christ on our lives to proclaim the truths of the Kingdom of God.
 - ✓ Pray that God would use us here in Richmond, and around the world, for His Kingdom.
 - ✓ Pray that we would have great faith in Christ as we proclaim the truths of God's Kingdom.
- ⊕ As you pray, an idea is the A.C.T.S prayer acronym.
 - ✓ Adoration- How can we adore God in our prayer time (God you are powerful, faithful...)
 - ✓ Confession- Take time to confess your sins to God (Remember I John 1:9)
 - ✓ Thanksgiving - What can we praise God for this week?
 - ✓ Supplication - Talk with God about things on your heart.