



February 13, 2022

Series - Membership: Unimpressive but Authentic

Text - Mark 4:26-32

Title: How Do We Grow?

Outline

- 1) We grow by seeding - vv. 26-29
- 2) We grow by branching - vv. 30-32

Potential Discussion Questions

- Prior to the sermon Brad presented an overview of Antioch's Statement of Beliefs (unity-diversity-charity) and doctrinal framework (orthodoxy-fellowship-preference). Since this was the first time we've presented it outside the membership class, it was probably new to many people in your group (including yourself!). Thus you might find it helpful to include in your group discussion this week.
- General question: Read Mark 4:26-32. What is Jesus teaching us about the kingdom in these two parables?
- The germinating power to grow is in the seed, not the sower. Do you find it harder to sow God's word or to trust that he will grow it? Do you need the strength to sow or the freedom to sleep?
- Is there someone into whom you've been sowing the word and sleeping (aka dropping grenades and waiting)? Pray for them together by name.
- What is the state of our group's "empty chair"? Empty? Full? Unavailable? Unimportant? Undefined?
- What might our group contribute to seeding and branching? Is there anyone interested in stepping into a leadership role (facilitator, candidate, host)? Is there anyone here in whom we see leadership potential?

Next Sunday's Sermon Passage Luke 10:25-37