**Parables Class: The Parable of the Mustard Seed and Leaven**

1. **Mark 4:26-29 – Parable of the Harvest**
   1. This parable is like what other parable of Jesus?

* 1. What is the message(s) of this parable?
  2. How does this parable indicate that people come into the kingdom?
  3. What does the process of the blade to head, and then to the full head of grain represent?
  4. What does the harvest represent?
  5. For the harvest to come, we must be willing to do what?

* 1. Since according to 4:27-28, the germination and growth from the seed is produced by God, what should our attitude toward sowing the seed be?

1. **Parable of the Mustard Seed – Mark 4:30-32; Matthew 13:31-32** 
   1. What is the meaning of this parable?
   2. In what ways is the beginning of the kingdom like planting the minute mustard seed?
   3. What is meant by the plant becoming so large “that the birds of the air can nest under its shade”?
   4. What was necessary for the mustard plant to grow and then become greater than all other garden plants?
   5. If the seed of the kingdom grows a kingdom greater than all other kingdoms, what should our attitude sowing the seed?
2. **Matthew 13:33 – Parable of the leaven**
   1. What is the message of the parable?
   2. What does leaven usually represent in the N.T.?
   3. What might the fact that the leaven was “hid” in the dough represent?
   4. For leaven to have an impact on the dough, what must happen first?