

**The Mysterious Work of God in Salvation**  
**Mark 4:26-29**  
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Three parts of God's plan for the salvation of souls:

- 1. We sow the seed of the gospel (26)**
- 2. God mysteriously and sovereignly works to create life and cause growth (27-28)**
- 3. We participate in the harvest (29)**

*Next week:* Mark 4:30-34

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## Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. Re-tell the parable in your own words.
2. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
3. In the parable, who made the seed to sprout and grow? What is Jesus teaching in this?
4. What does it mean that God is sovereign? Where do we see God's sovereignty in this parable?
5. What responsibilities of a Christian are taught in this parable?
6. Thinking about this parable, what is a Christian to do after sharing the gospel with unbelievers?

### Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. Jesus used the term, "the kingdom of God," in verse 26. How does the gospel relate to the kingdom of God?
3. How does this parable emphasize God's sovereignty in salvation?
4. What are some other passage that teach that good fruit from the gospel is the sovereign work of God, not the result of human actions or ambitions?
5. As you evangelize, how should you be affected by the teaching of this parable on God's mysterious and sovereign work of creating life and causing growth?
6. What is Jesus teaching in verse 29? How should we go about reaping?
7. What are some challenges we face in reaping? How might we seek to overcome these challenges?
8. What is the number one way you should apply this sermon this week? How can your brothers and sisters in this group help you to do so?