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- ⁴⁻²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'
- ³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'
- ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.
 - Read and re-read out loud and slowly the Gospel.
 - Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.
- Pray Thanksgiving Repentance Petition.
- Action Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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In this week's Gospel Jesus asks the question "What is the Kingdom of God like?" We know what life is like at many levels, but what would life be like if we were to live in full communion with God? What happens when people & society are in full communion with God? In order to do this Jesus tells us we need to focus on God and the wonder of what He is doing in our lives.

Do we recognise blessings when they find us and are we ready to welcome them with joy and to learn from them?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the times that a bible passage touched us deeply. We carried it into our daily lives gradually getting glimpses of its meaning. It filled us with joy as we saw the Word in action in our own lives.

Forgive us Lord for the times we do not try to keep the vision of Jesus alive in the world each day.

Lord help us to understand your parables each with a special message to bring us great joy and comfort in our lives. Let us relate to others as you relate to us.