

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 4 21-34



Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.
Psalm 67:6

Praising:

Great God, come down and on
your word
your mighty power bestow,
that all who hear the joyful sound,
your saving grace may know

Reading:

Mark 4:21-34
Parables of the kingdom

The idea of putting a light under a basket or a bed is obviously ridiculous. But so, Jesus says by implication, is the idea of receiving the good news of the kingdom and keeping it to ourselves. By its very nature the kingdom is not for hiding and hoarding but for giving and growing. Indeed the factor common to all Jesus' pictures here is probably growth. So far as signs or proof of the presence and action of God go, it seems

we are to expect expansion rather than contraction, increase rather than decrease. This applies to Church life generally, as well as to our own personal journey of faith and it stands to experience: the more we allow God to move and work in us, the more of his love there is to discover and to share.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord show us new ways

- to welcome people into our family of faith and worship
- to serve our local community and show your love to those around us
- to grow deeper in our experience of your truth

Father, you want more of me than I am sometimes prepared to give, forgive me for holding back and help me to let go of all that is distracting and time-consuming and worthless. Amen

Doing: