Jesus the Storyteller – week 7

Anxiety

Mark 4: 26 -29

1. How is your anxiety?

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* ***Philippians 4:6***

1. A story that answers our anxiety:

*He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain--first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."* ***Mark 4:26-29***

1. God’s answer to our anxiety:

* What is the source of my hope?

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.* ***Hebrews 6:19a***

* How have I planted that in my life?

*Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.* ***Hosea 10:12***

* Understand the principle of yielding.

*I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.* ***John 12:24-25***

* Trust that God is at work, even when you do not see it.

*Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* ***Philippians 1:6***

* Perseverance pays.

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* ***Galatians 6:9***

*Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.* ***Romans 5:3-5***