

All Living things GROW – so do Christians!

Welcome: *If you've ever discovered something growing in your garden that was a surprise and unusual, share your feelings about it. Was it a good or bad surprise and how you dealt with it.*

Worship: Praise God for the surprising nature of the Holy Spirit. Give thanks for the Spirit's empowering and worship God through song, prayer and meditation in spirit and in truth!

Word: Ezekiel 17: 22 – 24 & Mark 4: 26 – 34

- ✘ Right down three things you discover about the nature of God in the Ezekiel reading above. What do they say about your understanding of God in the way you live your life?
- ✘ Do you think there's any word of promise in this Ezekiel reading? If so what is it and if not, why isn't it there?
- ✘ What have you thought of yourself weak at in the past which you have now conquered? Do you think weakness stands for insignificance/opportunity? Relate your answer to Mark above.
- ✘ When you consider the size of a seed, relative to the plant it produces, do you find it amazing or just one of those things? What do you think your answer says about you?
- ✘ If all living things indeed grow, how do you relate that knowledge to your Christian faith? Can you note discernible growth in your faith journey in the last year? It is knowledge of ourselves that helps us to identify strengths or weaknesses in faith, but it takes true courage to do something about the knowledge we have gained.

Our Witness:

- ✘ What have you done lately to encourage spiritual growth; in yourself or in others around you?

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, help me in understanding that singing Your praises comes with letting them grow in my acts of faith. Give me strength Lord to tackle those things I am weak at and to work hard at improving my services to You... Amen!