

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and Leaven

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The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. It happens quietly. It happens inevitably. Don't underestimate God's power.

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Breaking of Bread & Fellowship

Take some time to share a meal and build relationships. Use the questions below to foster discussion.

In what area of your life do you find it hard to give up control?

What are you reading in the Word this week?

Review this week's sermon. Share your favorite part, points you related to most, or questions with the group. **Main Idea: The work of the gospel is not always evident, but always effective.**

Teaching

Read Matthew 13:31-35 together as a group. As you read, make note of any key phrases that stand out or any questions that arise. Then, use the questions and scripture references for group discussion.

1

How is the Kingdom of God like a mustard seed?

What are some small things we can do to make a big impact for Christ?

Matt 13:31-32

2

The Kingdom works from the inside out. What happens to us inwardly when we respond to the gospel? How has the gospel transformed you as you walk with Christ?

*Matt 13:33
Col 3:9
2 Cor 3:18*

3

When our actions seem small, how can these parables help us prioritize obedience?

The work of the Gospel is not always evident, but always effective. How can this truth encourage you this week?

Matt 13:31-33

Prayer

Sometimes we think God is small or moving too slowly in our lives. **Confess and ask God to give you a right view of his Kingdom.**

Meditate. Set aside some quiet time to remember and meditate on how God started small and is transforming you as you walk with Christ.

Pray Psalm 145. The Bible is designed to be both read and prayed. Have someone in your group read Psalm 145. Make the psalmists words your words and speak them to God.