

Small Beginnings

Matthew 13:31-35

The Mustard Seed: Smallest seed/ Largest plant

• Have <u>confidence</u> in the kingdom of God.

The Yeast: Tiny portion/ Total invasion

• <u>Persevere</u> in the kingdom work.

Application:

- 1) The kingdom has a <u>life</u> of it's own.
- 2) The kingdom is about <u>faith</u> not power.
- 3) No act of kingdom work is <u>too small</u> to start a movement.

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1) Why was it important for Jesus to teach these parables to His disciples? How did His expression of the kingdom appear to be different from what they were expecting? See Daniel 2:44-45.
- 2) Think about all the ways people have tried to change the world. Why is internal change the only real hope for humanity? See Jeremiah 31:33-34.
- 3) Do you see evidence of the coming kingdom of God in our world today? Where do you see it and how does that motivate you?
- 4) What small acts of kingdom work are you doing right now? Describe the ways that God might choose to turn your work into His movement.

Memory Verse

Ephesians 3:20-21

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."