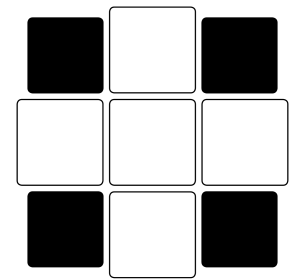


The Parables of the Mustard Seed and Leaven

Scripture: **Luke 13:18–21**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

If we had a choice, most of us would choose immediate change and transformation rather than a slow, often painful process. However, God’s sanctifying work is often the latter. As we see in the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven describing the kingdom of God, **the work of God often starts small but always grows and concludes in sovereign grandeur.**

Corroborating Texts

2 Samuel 7:12-13, Daniel 2:44, Daniel 7:13, Philippians 1:6, 1 Timothy 2:15, Psalm 1:1-3

Discussion Questions

1. How were you encouraged by this week’s message? How were you convicted?
2. How would you concisely define the kingdom of God to a non-believing friend? How did Israel misunderstand the kingdom of God (primarily its arrival)? In what ways have you heard the kingdom of God misunderstood today?
3. How is the kingdom of God “already, but not yet?” In what way is our sanctification similar?
4. Read Philippians 2:12-13. While our sanctification may often be slow, we are still called to play an active role in our growth. What is our role, i.e. how do we work out our salvation? What is God’s “role”? [see v. 13]
5. In Philippians 1:6, Paul says: “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” How can you apply this comforting truth this week?
6. Read Psalm 1:1-3 and pray for one another, that we would be like “a tree planted by streams of water that yields fruit in its season.”