Encouragement When Frustrated with the Progress of God’s Work
Matthew 13:31-33

PROPOSITION: God’s work often seems to start out small or insignificant but it grows to become significant and encompassing.

I. Where do we tend to get discouraged with the progress of God’s work?
   A. When God’s work seems little or insignificant
   B. When we can’t see God’s work at all
   C. When God’s work leads to greater problems

II. God’s work starts small

A. Normally we think of God’s work starting BIG

B. Recognize the power of small things in God’s hand
   “pathetically insignificant”

C. Seeing God’s hand right now
   “We are fortunate to be a small church because we run out of resources more quickly and get to see the hand of God more powerfully!” early BEFC saying

III. God’s work can penetrate anything or anyone

A. How can what is happening make any positive difference?

B. Don’t look at the smallness of what is now but the power behind it

C. The role of small, but sacrificial actions on the explosive growth of the early church

D. Small actions today which God multiplies
   1. Maintain friendships with people who disagree with you
   2. Get excited enough about God’s future so you can release today’s worries
   3. Join Jesus in His work today regardless of the obstacles
   4. See that obstacles around us are an opportunity for Jesus to grow His church.

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