



Week 1: The Parables of the Mustard Seed and Yeast

What is the “kingdom of God/heaven?”

Life under the _____ and _____ of the _____.

Matthew 13:31-33

31 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

32 Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

33 He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

What do these parables teach us about the kingdom?

1. A mustard seed and leaven both appear _____, insignificant, and harmless but pack _____ that cannot be underestimated.

1 Corinthians 1:27

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the **power** (Gk: *dunamis*) of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

2. The power of God works in _____ - slowly, imperceptibly, in mysterious ways we don't _____.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

3. The kingdom of God begins small but _____ into something that is beyond _____.

The take-aways from today...

Based on today's teaching and the movement of the Holy Spirit in your heart, what is it that God wants you to do today?

- I need to thank Him that He is working in secret where I am unable to see.
- I need to trust Him as He continues to accomplish His purposes in my life and in the lives of my loved ones.
- I need to pray for strength and courage as I wait upon Him to do His work.
- I need to praise Him for the power for the gospel and the promise of His Word.
- I need to quietly wait and not worry, recognizing that His designs will be realized in His timing, not my timing.