

Jesus Stories
This week's reading: Matthew 13:31-35
Discussion Guide: January 19, 2025

CHECK UP:

Memory Work: Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. - Matthew 10:39

How did truths of the Kingdom of God impact the way you lived this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?

READ and ASK: Matthew 13:31-35

- How is the Kingdom like a mustard seed?
- How does yeast work? How is the Kingdom like yeast?
- How would Jesus's ministry have seemed small and insignificant to others at the time of teaching this parable?
- How could these parables have been encouraging following the parable of the Sower and the wheat and the weeds?

APPLY:

- How has the Kingdom seemed "small" or "uninfluential" at times?
 - o How have you seen seemingly small Kingdom things grow?
 - o How is remembering that the Kingdom is like a mustard seed or yeast encouraging to walking faithfully each day?
- What are some little things we can do to make a big impact for Christ?
- NEXT STEP: How can this parable encourage you this week?

Memory Work:

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. - Ephesians 3:20-21

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 15