**Parables of Jesus**

**Mustard Seed and Leaven**

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1. Read Matthew 13:31-33 and Luke 13:18-21. What is the Kingdom of God? Also read Luke 17:20-21 and Romans 14:17.
2. When thinking about the Kingdom of God, what do the mustard seed and leaven have in common? Why would Jesus mention these two things together?
3. The smallest of seeds grows into a strong tree. What is the significance of this within the Kingdom of God?
4. From something small and insignificant grows something strong. How does this seem counter-cultural?
5. How does God work within His people to spread the message of Jesus?

Psalm 73:26

Isaiah 40:28-29

James 1:2-5

1. Describe leaven. Use a Bible dictionary or the internet if needed. How does leaven work?
2. Read Luke 17:20-21 and Galatians 5:9. How do these passages relate to this parable?
3. Leaven needs to be added to dough to have an effect. The dough can’t do it on its own. What is the significance of this as it relates to the Kingdom of God?

John 1:16

John 14:6

Ephesians 2:8-10

1. How do you influence the world around you?

Habakkuk 2:14

Matthew 5:13-16

John 14:25-27

John 16:13