

# GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Luke 13:18-21

### Small Seeds, Big Growth



About this series: As we study Luke, we are walking through one of the most profound and transformative books in the entire Bible. In Luke, we see Jesus in new ways. We find a grace that reaches the outcast, a mercy that knows no bounds, a truth that challenges and restores, and a Savior who meets us where we are and calls us to follow Him.

Luke reveals the kingdom that comes through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It shows what it means to follow a Savior who turns expectations upside down, calling the humble, healing the broken, and welcoming the outsider. Luke invites us to be a people who carry the light of Christ, proclaiming good news to a world right where we are.

Goals of this week's discussion/ study:

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About This Series:

As we journey through Luke, we see Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of God in ways that challenge expectations. The Kingdom is not built by power or force but through small, faithful acts that grow into something extraordinary. This week's discussion explores how God's Kingdom expands through humility, patience, and trust.

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Goals of This Week's Discussion:

- Understand how the Kingdom of God grows from small beginnings.
- Reflect on how God uses humble people and small acts for His greater purpose.
- Identify personal 'mustard seeds' that God is calling you to plant in faith.

## Connections with the 7 Marks of a Jesus Follower:

- Stand in Awe – The Kingdom of God grows beyond what we expect through God's power.
- Share Your Story – Even a small story of faith can be a seed God uses to impact others.
- Grace and Truth – God is patient in His work, calling us to trust Him in the waiting.

## Suggested Starter Questions:

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- Have you ever seen something small turn into something unexpectedly great?
- What is something in your life that required patience and trust to grow?

## Discussion:

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Read Luke 13:18-21

*'He said therefore, 'What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.' And again he said, 'To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.'*"

- Why do you think Jesus chose a mustard seed and yeast to describe the Kingdom of God instead of something powerful like a lion or a mighty tree?
- How do these illustrations challenge our expectations of how God works?
- What do these examples teach us about patience and trust in God's plan?

## Mustard Seeds & Yeast – Small but Powerful

- The mustard seed starts tiny but grows into a large tree, offering shelter and blessing to others.
- The yeast, though hidden and small, works over time to transform the entire batch of dough.
- These metaphors show that God's work often starts in humble, unseen ways but leads to great impact.
  - Have you ever seen a small act of faith lead to something much bigger?
  - What are some small 'seeds' of faith that God might be calling you to plant in your life?
  - How does our culture's desire for instant results challenge the way God works in His Kingdom?

Apply the Passage:

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Identify one small action you can take this week that could have a big Kingdom impact (a word of encouragement, an act of kindness, sharing your faith, or prayer).

- Trust God in the waiting—where in your life do you need to have patience with His timing?

Pray:

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- Ask God to help you recognize the small opportunities He gives you to plant seeds.
  - Pray for patience to trust that God's work often takes time.
  - Thank God for how He has grown your faith through seemingly small moments.
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