

Sermon Notes

Big Growth, Big Effect

Matthew 13:31-35

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

13:31-32 The parable of the mustard seed growing into a tree

Small seed

Big plant

A surprisingly big plant grows from such a small start

The kingdom of heaven, over time, would grow surprisingly big, even though it was starting small

13:34-35 Matthew's comments about the parables

The life of Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy

The teaching of Jesus was the explanation of God's plan for salvation, which had been hidden up to that point

13:33 The parable of the yeast impacting a lot of flour

A little yeast impacts a lot of flour

Flour = people. So the effect is on people.

Yeast = Jesus' teaching

Jesus' teaching, over time, would have an effect on a lot of people

Application: Spread Jesus' word, grow the kingdom of God

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

**Application questions for 1/26/2014 sermon
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A month ago, if someone had asked you, “What is the kingdom of heaven?” what would you have answered? What would you answer now?

In your thinking, how does the kingdom of God grow?

When Jesus had just a few followers, by these parables He foretold the massive growth of the kingdom of God (people who would trust Jesus). What do you think about that?

Do you spread Jesus’ teaching, the word of God?

Do you see it as a privilege to be part of growing the kingdom of heaven, by sharing the word of God?

The fact that Jesus fulfilled so many prophecies from the Old Testament and that so many of the Old Testament foreshadows were about Him, does that mean anything to you? Is there any other way this passage and teaching affected your thinking?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?