

Kingdom Parables - Mustard Seed

Parable of the Mustard Seed

Mat 13:31-32 ESV He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

ILLUSTRATION SLIDE

A grain of mustard seed that a man took and SOWED in his field (seed has life only if planted)

- Joh 12:24 ESV Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

SMALLEST of all seeds, but when it has grown it is LARGER than all the garden plants

- Act 1:6 ESV So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
 - This is what they expected - but Jesus had the whole world in mind
- Mat 28:18-19 ESV "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
 - He spoke this to ELEVEN disciples (see vs 16) - ***from 11 to All Nations***

It BECOMES a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

- Eze 17:23 ESV On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And ***under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest.***

(Dan 4, Eze 31 - trees represent a king and a kingdom, birds making nests the people of that kingdom)

How does the growth and expansion of the Kingdom relate to me?

RECEIVE IT - Repent and be baptized

- Mat 4:17 ESV From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- Act 8:12 ESV But when they **believed** Philip as he preached **good news about the kingdom** of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized**, both men and women.

EMBRACE IT

- Mat 6:33 ESV But **seek first the kingdom of God** and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- Mat 6:10 ESV Your **kingdom come, your will be done**, on earth as it is in heaven.

PROCLAIM IT

- Luk 9:1-2 ESV And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out **to proclaim the kingdom of God** and to heal.
- Luk 10:10-11 ESV But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 11 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'