



WEEKLY

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Thy Kingdom Come

From Small Beginnings

Matthew 13:31-33

That Jesus teaches his disciples to pray for the Kingdom of God to come, and for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, tells us something incredibly important: our life in Christ concerns not only a future but a present reality. In Christ, the Kingdom of God has come, and continues to come into the world, and we are invited to bear witness to its arrival wherever we live, work, and play. In this sermon series, we invite you to consider what it might mean for you to seek first the Kingdom of God.

CHECK-IN

- Check in with each other using Table Topics (or other creative questions)!

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- What did you hear?
- What did you think or feel about what you heard? What questions did it raise?
- What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

VERSES FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

"Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches. The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough." **Matthew 13:32-33**

- Reflect on this contrast of "littleness of means" to "largeness of ends." What difference does it make that Jesus can take what little faith we have to contribute in big ways to the Kingdom of God on earth?
- Spend some time discussing how you can more faithfully discern the small part God wants you to play in participating in his Kingdom here on earth.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

- Spend a few minutes sharing prayer needs with each other before praying together...

*Almighty God, thank you for the lessons in Your parables. When the days are difficult and it seems like the things we do don't really matter, help us to trust that you can transform what little faith we bring for your Kingdom's purpose. Release us from the burden of changing the world, knowing that it can happen only through You. **Amen.***