

Week 5

What have mustard and yeast got in common?

Luke 13:18-21 (NIV2011)

¹⁸ Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to?”

¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches.”

²⁰ Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to?”

²¹ It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

So how do you answer that: What is the kingdom of God like?

Is it the same as what is the church?

Why is it a kingdom?

Let's look at the two parables. These are parables in parallel yet they need to become parables in parallel that affect us now. So what would we use as an example of this principle?

Firstly, what is the main principle (Little things affect the lot)

What is the kingdom of God like?

Growing, providing, sheltering, magnificent. (v19)

What is the kingdom compared to?

Some thing that affects the whole. (So does God's kingdom, us, affect our community?)

That is the comparison!!