



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, May 17, 2020

Luke 13:18-35 – Kingdom Growth

We Learn:

The kingdom of God grows slowly but surely. Like a small and seemingly insignificant mustard seed that grows into a large tree, or a small amount of yeast that works through a large amount of dough, Jesus said the kingdom of God would grow. Whether it was the smaller and weaker nation of Israel that ultimately possessed the promised land by displacing the larger and stronger inhabitants, or the first century church that was formed from a small group of dispirited disciples, or the more recent examples of unknown ministries that grew into sweeping revivals, the Bible tells us not to despise small beginnings. The kingdom of God will continue to grow until Jesus returns. When he returns, the narrow door of entry into the kingdom of God will be closed. Let us then “make every effort to enter through the narrow door” today while there is yet time!

- How does the slow but sure growth of the kingdom of God relate to the progressive nature of our discipleship journey?
- Why are patience and perseverance so important in our personal and corporate growth?
- How does the growth of the kingdom of God relate to being filled with the Holy Spirit?

We Respond:

- How do we “make every effort to enter through the narrow door” into the kingdom of God?
- How does the kingdom of God grow in and through us?

We Apply:

- How can we be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- What is the impact on the world around us of our personal and corporate growth in the kingdom of God?