

Mark 4. 30-34 The Mustard Seed
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The mustard seed is:

- The smallest of all the seeds
- The point of the parable lies in potential.
- From little things, big things come.

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- Ezekiel 17. 22-23 points to the mighty cedar that was expected to be God's kingdom.
- A mustard bush is about nine feet tall. So the kingdom is a bush, not a cedar?
- Jesus uses this story as another opportunity to challenge ideas about who he was and how the kingdom works.
- Jesus did not come as a mighty, he changed our ideas about how God would change the world.
- Jesus, and the kingdom, did not begin to look what it ultimately would be.

From this parable we glean two main points:

- Steer clear of comfortable assumptions about the kingdom.
- From the smallest of things there can be the greatest of potential (kingdom growth only happens because God is in it).

Discussion Questions:

- What comfortable assumptions have you carried about God and how he works in the past? Have you experienced a time when he opposes and shakes up those assumptions?
- What hope does this give the Church in Canada?
- Doug took some time to share about our vision to plant a new church in the next 1-2 years. Why should we plant a church, and what does it take to plant a church that is Jesus-centered and reaches people?