

SEEDS

From Small Beginnings to Great Impact: The Kingdom of God NOV. 30, 2025

WORSHIP (15 MINS)

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from YouTube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online,

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Ask someone to do the opening prayer.

WELCOME (10 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Ice-breaker:

WORD (30-45 MINS)

Main Text: Read Matthew 13:31-32 NLT

Intro: In today's parable, the Kingdom of God is **the seed**, likened to a mustard seed. The point of comparison is not the seed in itself, but what happens when it is sown. Mustard seed is a very tiny seed but when it grows, it becomes the largest shrub that birds literally can make nests on it. The point of the parable is the contrast between this insignificant mustard seed beginning and how it becomes the greatest of shrubs when it grows.

1. The Kingdom of God starts small but grows powerfully

Jesus compares His rule as a King to a mustard seed - the smallest seed to His listeners. Mustard seed symbolizes how the Kingdom begins, low key almost unnoticed, insignificant. For example, Jesus Himself began His ministry with just 12 disciples while the early church began with only 120 believers but now draws the largest following in the world at 2 billion people. Yet from that tiny beginning, God's kingdom grows into something large, visible, and influential. God often works in ways that seem small at first. God can see the potential, and He can bring growth beyond what we imagine.

Q: What "small seeds" of faith can you plant in the lives of others based on your daily routine (prayer, kindness, volunteer service, etc.)?

Q: How can we stay faithful in our ministry serving when our efforts feel unnoticed or insignificant?

Q: How can you use your talents or passions to bless others and eventually point them to Christ?

2. The gospel of the Kingdom transforms individuals, families, and entire communities over time – Read Matthew 13:31-32 NLT

The mustard seed "becoming a tree" illustrates growth and transformation. While the "Birds coming to make nests in its branches" symbolizes, making a difference in many lives. The mustard seed shows that God's Kingdom starts small, grows supernaturally, and becomes a place where many find life, rest, and refuge. People can only find life by being in God's presence and by having a relationship with His Son Jesus Christ! Again, He started the church with only 120 Jewish people, but today, there are billions of Christians representing all ethnicities in all the nations of the world. And it is still growing.

Q: How can your life group be intentional about creating a welcoming space for others and be like that of a mustard tree's branches?

Q: What steps can you take to share your faith with friends or classmates in simple, practical ways?

Q: What can you and your life group do to see God's Kingdom expand in your workplaces or community?

Jesus is looking for men and women who will allow Him to reign in their lives and work through them. When Jesus finds hearts that welcome His kingship, the world will begin to witness the greatness of His Kingdom and many will become its citizens who will promote it to others.

3. God's Kingdom advances through people who are willing to be His instruments - Read Matthew 4:17 NLT

For God's Kingdom to operate on earth, people must first submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. God's Kingdom is like a seed seeking good soil, like open hearts where it can grow and produce a powerful influence that draws many to Christ and His purposes. The Kingdom of God advances through people who passionately follow and serve Jesus.

Q: In what ways have you seen God take something small in your life and grow it into something impactful?

Q: Can you share a time when you prayed to God to use you powerfully in His Kingdom?

Q: What practical habits can help us stay rooted in God's presence so we can grow strong in our faith and therefore be used by God to sow seeds in the lives of other people?

Conclusion:

As a Life group, please take time to watch the life testimony of Nabeel Qureshi (via YouTube). He was a Muslim but eventually came to surrender his life to Christ as his Lord and Saviour. Nabeel became a Christian apologist, focusing on Muslim-to-Christian dialogue. He authored several books, the most notable being: "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus" (2014) – his memoir about leaving Islam and finding Christ.

<https://youtu.be/QuKWTKTgwL4?si=v7z2kxOhQSMfDGOb>

Nabeel Qureshi's life exemplified how the mustard seed of God's Kingdom, when planted in good soil, can grow to produce a powerful and far-reaching impact. His encounter with a Christian in college named David sowed the seed of God's Kingdom that flourished in Nabeel's heart. We can also sow the seeds in the lives of other people, if we choose to have a heart ready for God to work His mighty purposes in our lives.

WORK (15 MINS)

Application

1. Find a partner. Ask what you can pray for him/her then pray for each other.
2. Pray and prepare a Hit List (max. of 5-10 names of family, relatives, friends, schoolmates, workmates, neighbors, etc.) of possible people you desire to invite in the next life group gathering.