Lesson 2: Parables and Values of the Kingdom

Understanding the Stories and Ethics That Shape Kingdom Living

# Key Scriptures

* Matthew 13:31-32 (Mustard Seed)
* Mark 4:26-29 (Growing Seed)
* Matthew 13:44-46 (Hidden Treasure & Pearl)
* Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (Weeds)
* Matthew 13:47-50 (Net)
* Matthew 5:3-12 (Beatitudes)
* Matthew 18:21-35 (Unforgiving Servant)
* Mark 10:42-45; Matthew 18:1-4 (Servanthood & Humility)

# Topics

* The growth and mysterious nature of the Kingdom
* The incomparable value of the Kingdom
* Good and evil coexisting within the Kingdom until the final judgment
* Kingdom values: humility, forgiveness, mercy, and servanthood
* The radical ethics of the Kingdom in the Beatitudes

# Discussion Questions

* How do Jesus’ parables illustrate the growth, value, and inclusiveness of the Kingdom?
* How do Kingdom values contrast with society’s values?
* How can we embody humility, forgiveness, and mercy in our daily lives?
* Which one of the Beatitudes is the biggest challenge for you, and which one do you most identify with?