



Date: November 9, 2025

Sermon Title: Kingdom-Focused

Sermon Notes:

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Main Idea: The momentous growth of Christ’s kingdom is assured.

Breaking the Ice

- Give an example of a small but significant growth you have observed in either our church or your life.

Excavating the Truth

- Reread Luke 13:18–21
- This text begins with the word “so” or “therefore,” connecting it to the previous discussion. How does this connection help clarify the significance of the text?

Applying the Truth Personally

- What makes me doubt the growth of Jesus' kingdom? How can these parables in Luke strengthen my faith?
- How does the sure growth of Christ's kingdom depicted in these parables help me realize the significance of my efforts to serve Him?

Applying the Truth Congregationally

- How do these parables help us look for Christ's work beyond our church?
- How do these parables encourage us to serve diligently within our church?
- How can these parables embolden us to attempt greater things for Christ in our LIFE group and our church?

Digging Deeper

- In Matt 13:31–32 and Mark 4:30–32, Jesus is presented as using the mustard seed parable earlier in His ministry than in Luke 13:18–19. Explain why Jesus might utilize the same parable at these different stages of His ministry.
- The image of birds roosting from Luke 13:19 is found in Ezek 17:23; 31:6 and Dan 4:12, 21 in reference to the nations of the earth participating in God's kingdom. If Jesus uses similar imagery and language in His parable, why would we not conclude that He is also alluding to the Gentile expansion of His kingdom?

Looking Ahead

- Read Luke 13:22–30 daily.