



## Small Things, Big Results

**WARM UP:** *How many things can you name that start small and almost invisible but has the potential to grow into something huge and powerful?*

**Background:** The parables Jesus taught held hidden meaning pertaining to the kingdom of heaven. For those who had ears tuned to hear, they would catch what Jesus was saying. For those who didn't, it would remain a mystery. The parable of the mustard seed and the yeast were two such parables. They explain the nature of the kingdom as it does it work secretly and out of sight until the time its work would be obvious to all.

### READ ABOUT IT: Matt. 13:31-35

1. *Do great beginnings always guarantee great endings? Or do small beginnings necessarily mean that something will never amount to much? Why or why not?*
2. *What aspects of Jesus' ministry seem small at the time he was telling this parable?*
3. *How did this differ from what the people expected the Kingdom would be like when it arrived?*
4. *What point was Jesus trying to make about the nature of the kingdom?*
5. *What is the promise if the small seed is sown in the right place and at the right time?*
6. *When yeast is worked into a batch of flour for baking, is it visible? What happens to the dough when it is baked if it is absent?*
7. *At the time, Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection made a small impact at the time but what about now? What would you compare the global impact of His life, ministry, death and resurrection with now?*
8. *Where in your life or in your church have you seen faith like a mustard seed or yeast have a great impact?*
9. *Where have you seen something that was hidden grow and come into the open later?*
10. *How is the hidden power and the secret nature of the kingdom influencing our world right now? Where would you point?*
11. *How has this hidden and secret power been revealed in your own life over time? How has it worked its effect in your life?*