

## HOW THE KINGDOM EXPANDS

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-46, 51, 52

### SLOW BUT STEADY

Matthew 13.31-33

**The Kingdom Defined:** the Kingdom of God is not a realm (a place), but a rule. It is "seen" wherever Christ is King.

In the Parable of the Mustard Seed, Jesus lets the people know that the Kingdom will grow *outwardly* from a very small stature, invisible even, but will slowly grow to its full fruition, larger than anything else, and bringing comfort and peace to those who enjoy it. These Jews expected the Kingdom to come loudly and instantly, but this is not the case.

In the Parable of the Leaven, He also lets them know that *inwardly*, the Kingdom spreads throughout us slowly, *but* it will spread *thoroughly*, even if hard to see.

### WORTH IT ALL

But how exactly does the Kingdom continue to spread in our lives? To be sure, this is a sovereign act of God, but it also has a means, not just a sure end. So what is the vehicle that takes you to God's predetermined, promised future?

It is His glory.

**We follow Jesus not by learning to obey a bunch of rules and trying hard to be a better person; we follow Jesus as we see His infinite beauty and worth so much that we *gladly* give up anything and everything to follow Him.**

Ephesians 3.14-21 // Matthew 13.44-46, 51, 52

**The cost of non-discipleship is greater than the cost of discipleship.**

Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger, now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver, and the soul to sink; but let this only be for a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall be revealed in and for us. *I never made a sacrifice.*

**David Livingstone, Missionary to Africa, 1857**



## NOTES:

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 6th grade**. Please visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **7th & 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and class for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com).

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46,** and **51-52.** What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

In **Matt 13:31-32,** what is Jesus conveying to the people of Israel and how does that relate to our own sanctification? \_\_\_\_\_

In **Matthew 13:33,** Jesus turns inward toward the heart just as the leaven is at work in the flour. What is at work in our heart? Read **Ezekiel 36:26-27.** \_\_\_\_\_

On Sunday, Jobey mentioned a number of sins that Christians around the world struggle with on a daily basis. Which one of the sin issues can you relate to? Any others come to mind? Where is the Holy Spirit at work in your heart and what is He revealing? In light of your sin, read **Romans 3:23-26, Romans 5:8-9, Romans 6:4,** and **1 John 1:8-9.** \_\_\_\_\_

In **Matt 13:44-46,** Jesus compares heaven to buried treasure and fine pearls. In both parables, the man sells all that he has to secure his treasure. Is there any "treasure" in your life that you value more than your relationship with Christ and your salvation? \_\_\_\_\_

Assess your heart. Do you find Jesus beautiful in this season of your life? Is He worth abandoning every last thing you own or value? If so, talk about what is at work in your heart. If not, confess this to your group and find someone in your group to Fight Club with this week. \_\_\_\_\_

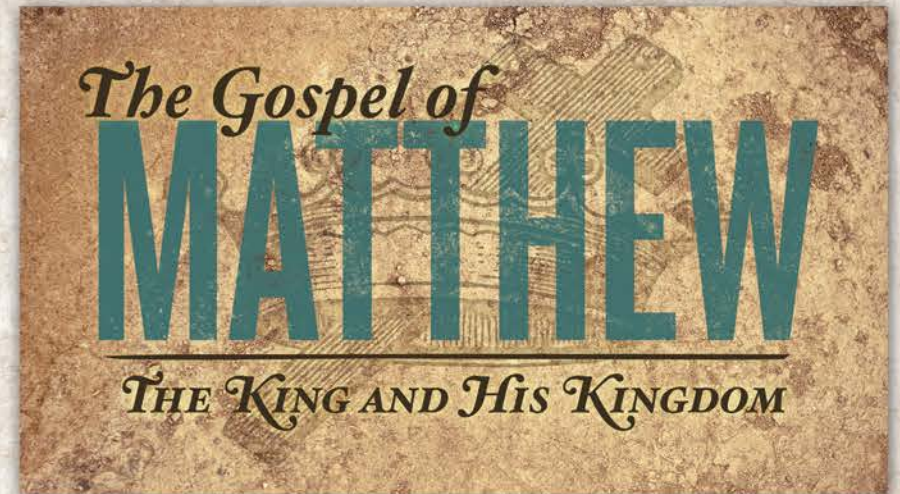
Using the **P.R.A.Y.** model, spend time as a group praising God for sending His Son, Jesus, who makes our salvation possible through His life and death. Praise God for sending the Holy Spirit who is relentless and actively at work in transforming our hearts. Repent of a flesh that is always placing obstacles to Christ. Ask God that we see Him in all His beauty that we may be reminded that the treasures of this world are nothing to be compared with what awaits us when we find comfort and rest in the home prepared for us in Heaven.



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Equipping a Gospel-Centered Community in the Word of God,  
To Live Out a Gospel-Centered Life Mission to the Glory of God.



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### 9AM & 10:45AM SERVICES

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