



# THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE

*Week 2: The King's Place | Teacher: Libin Abraham  
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## OPENER

When we hear the phrase “**the Kingdom of God,**” many different ideas come to mind. Some think of political power, others think of moral behavior, prosperity, or something that only happens after we die. But Jesus’ teaching challenges all of those assumptions.

The Kingdom of God is not simply something we wait for someday—it is **God’s reign breaking into the world right now through His people.**

In this message we explore where the King’s rule is expressed and how His Kingdom grows. Surprisingly, Jesus compares the Kingdom not to something massive and impressive, but to **a mustard seed and a small amount of yeast**—things that appear small and hidden but eventually transform everything.

## READ

Luke 13:18–20

## MAIN POINTS

### 1. God’s Story Is a Story of Kingdom Restoration

The Bible tells a five-part story of God’s work in the world:

- **Creation:** God created a good world and invited humanity to rule and cultivate it with Him.
- **Fall:** Humanity rejected God’s rule and tried to become kings ourselves, bringing brokenness into the world.
- **Redemption:** God sent Jesus to restore our relationship with Him through His life, death, and resurrection.
- **Renewal:** Right now, through the church, Jesus is renewing the world and extending His Kingdom.
- **Consummation:** One day Christ will return and fully restore creation.

God’s plan has always been for His reign to be expressed **through His people in His world.**

### 2. Jesus Restores Our Role in God’s Kingdom

In Genesis, humanity was commissioned to **be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and rule it.** But because of sin, we lost the ability to rule in the way God intended.

Through Jesus' resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit, that calling is restored. The **Great Commission** invites believers back into the "family business" of God's Kingdom—bringing the good news of Jesus and participating in the renewal of the world.

### 3. The Kingdom of God Grows in Unexpected Ways

Jesus describes the Kingdom in Luke 13 using two surprising images:

- **A mustard seed** – incredibly small but growing into a large tree where birds find rest.
- **Leaven (yeast)** – hidden in flour but eventually transforming the entire batch.

The Kingdom does not usually grow through visible power or impressive displays. Instead, it spreads **quietly, steadily, and often invisibly** through everyday acts of faithfulness.

### 4. God's Kingdom Advances Through Everyday Faithfulness

Most of Jesus' miracles happened **outside the synagogue**, in ordinary places like marketplaces and neighborhoods. That reminds us that Kingdom work is not limited to church buildings. It happens through believers living out their faith in their workplaces, homes, communities, and daily relationships. Through ordinary obedience, God is **reversing the curse and renewing the world**.

## ENGAGE WITH GOD IN A GROUP

- When you hear the phrase "**Kingdom of God**," what images or ideas typically come to mind? How has this sermon series challenged or expanded that understanding?
- In Genesis, humanity was invited to rule and cultivate the earth with God. What does it look like today to participate in God's "kingdom renewal project"?
- Jesus compares the Kingdom to a **mustard seed and yeast**. Why do you think He chose images that represent something small and hidden rather than powerful or dramatic?
- Which of the stories Libin shared from his trip to India have you continued to think about?
- The sermon emphasized that much of God's work happens in **ordinary places**—workplaces, neighborhoods, and daily interactions. Where might God want to use you to bring His Kingdom into everyday spaces?
- Sometimes the brokenness of the world can feel overwhelming. How do the images of the mustard seed and yeast give us hope about the impact of faithful obedience?
- What is one way you will intentionally live as a **participant in God's Kingdom renewal** this week? How do you want to be held accountable?

## BOTTOM LINE

*God's Kingdom grows quietly but powerfully as ordinary people faithfully participate in His work of renewing the world through Jesus.*