



Discussion Questions

Luke 13:18-21 *The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast*

Deacon Courtney sets the stage by explaining the context which has informed her understanding of the scripture passage. Think about your week and your present circumstances. Consider the news headlines. What context will inform your reading of this passage?

How is the kingdom of God, like that mustard seed or that yeast, “powerful in a surprisingly discreet way”?

“Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God looks like small acts of justice whose impact spreads inexplicably.” What are some examples of these small acts of justice?

When people think about a kingdom being established, they often think about force or violence, but “the kingdom of God purposely seeks those whom the world has made small,” or those who do not have power or privilege. Who is the kingdom of God seeking today?

How do we live out our calling as people of the already-not-yet kingdom in 2020?

Deacon Courtney begins by listing some of the heartbreak and sadness in our world today, asking “O God, where can we find your kingdom?” By the end of her sermon, she is able to say, “O God, your kingdom is indeed present in this place.” How does she make the shift? How do you?

