

Mustard Seed? Yeast?

Storyteller #8

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Then Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? How can I illustrate it? It is like a tiny mustard seed that a man planted in a garden; it grows and becomes a tree, and the birds make nests in its branches."

He also asked, "What else is the Kingdom of God like? It is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough."

Jesus is illustrating The Kingdom of God

- » The Kingdom is a seed
 - Seeds are to produce fruit
- » Has a purpose
 - To be a transforming influence
 - Influence is the fruit of the good news
 - You are an influence right now!

How do I become a transforming influence?

1. I have to experience the good news.

He also told them this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher."

Luke 6:39-40 (NIV)

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

John 12:24-26 (NIV)

2. I have to share the good news.

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went...¹² But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:4, 12 (NIV)

"A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad. You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart."

Matthew 12:33-35 (NIV)

* I know I've experienced the good news, when I share the good news

3. I have to trust God.

"Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. Luke 8:25a (NIV)

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

Luke 17:5 (NIV)

*Am I more like yeast or dough?