



**Read: Luke 13:18-21**

**Connect Questions:**

1. Why does Jesus use a mustard seed and a mustard tree in His parable? What does this mean for us? How should it impact our faith?
2. What does the picture of “birds nesting in the tree” point to? Why was this picture surprising to Jews in the first century? What is God’s plan for Israel in the Last Days?
3. In what ways is leaven/yeast like the Kingdom of God? What impact has the Kingdom of God had in your life? How are you furthering the Kingdom through your life?
4. Why do you think the parable has this woman making so much bread? How does it connect to Genesis 18:6? How should this encourage us in our daily walk?

**Memory Verse: Luke 13:20-21 NKJV** <sup>20</sup> And again He said, “To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? <sup>21</sup> It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.”



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RIDGEVIEW CHURCH

Title: *The Surprising Kingdom... The Narrow Way*—Part 1

Scripture: Luke 13:18-21

1. Starting Small...Becoming Great (v. 18-19)

A. Mustard Seed

*Zechariah 4:8-10*

*A Tree? Unusual Growth!*

-The Corruption View (*Matthew 13...Revelation 18*) (Leaven is often bad)

-A Simpler View (*Luke 12:24...Genesis 8:11...Luke 3:22*)

Small Beginnings...Massive Growth in the Kingdom

*Mark 4:26-29*...Don't doubt what God can do with something small!

B. Birds Nested In It's Branches

*Daniel 4:20-22...Ezekiel 17:22-23*

Massive Tree/Cedar v. "Mustard Tree"

The Kingdom...Blessing the Nations...Jews & Gentiles

*God's Purpose for Israel...Jer. 31:35,36; Ps. 105:8-11, Gen. 12:1-3...*

*Gen. 15:18-21... Gen. 17:8...Ez. 37:21-22, 2 Sam. 7:12-16...Romans 9-11*

2. Working Internally...Impacting Powerfully (v. 20-21)

*Leaven = Corruption?*

*Leviticus 7:13...23:17*

A. The Kingdom Grows First Within...*Invisible At First*

*2 Corinthians 3:18*

B. Impact Will Be Seen

*"σάτα τρία"... 3 measures...3 seahs...Genesis 18:6*

Like Leaven...The Kingdom changes everything it touches!

*Habakkuk 2:14*