

Stories of the Kingdom Discussion Questions 6.25.17

Leader Prep Section

Take time before your small group meeting to prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select 4-5 questions that are best suited to your group.

Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.

When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

1. Tell a story about a time when you felt like you were not important enough or powerful enough to make a difference but tried anyway.
2. When have you seen God use the small or less important to do great things?

Background

Jesus once again is telling truths of the Kingdom using everyday experiences his audience will be able to understand. In these parables the focus is on small things that make a big difference.

Read Matthew 13:31-33

Questions

Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

1. In verse 31 what does Jesus relate the mustard seed to?
2. In verse 33 Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to something, what is it?

Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

1. What would you use to describe the kingdom of heaven if you were rewriting the parable for a modern audience?
2. When you mix yeast into flour is it still obvious it is there? How can you tell the yeast did it's work?
3. What do these two parables tell you about how the kingdom of heaven is in the world?

Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

1. In what way did the kingdom of heaven start small and become big? Why is this story important for us today?
2. How have you seen the kingdom of heaven act like yeast in the world?
3. What about how we think needs to change so we can more easily recognize the small things that have a big impact like a mustard seed and yeast?

Closing

Finish your time together praying for one another during this season of summer that people would stay connected.

Reminder: Stories are a crucial element used to help us connect with others, know where we came from and where we are going. As citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven it is critical for us to

know and tell our stories as they remind us of who saved us, what he has left us to do and where we will spend eternity.