

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE?

Luke 13:18-35

Key Verse: 13:19

"It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches."

Study Questions

1. With what did Jesus first compare the kingdom of God? (18-19) What does this parable tell us about the way the kingdom of God grows? Read verse 20. How is the kingdom of God like yeast? In what ways is it revolutionary?
2. Why was Jesus going to Jerusalem?(9:51) What was he doing along the way? (22) What did someone ask him? (23) How did he answer? (24-30) What does "narrow door" imply? In what way is Jesus the narrow door?
3. What does it mean to "Make every effort..."? Why is timing important? What are the consequences of entering or not entering through the narrow door? What do these verses teach about the kingdom of God?
4. What warning did some Pharisees give Jesus? (31) What did Jesus teach about his mission? (32-33) What was his attitude toward Herod? Why did Jesus weep over the Holy City? (34-35) What was his longing hope?