



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Don't Presume With God!

Bible Reading: Luke 13:18 - 30

Context: Three Parables on the Kingdom

What is the Kingdom?

- A. Jewish expectation & presumption
- B. Where God's rule is

Are the Mustard Seed & Leaven Pictures of Mutation & Corruption in the Kingdom?

- A. Mustard seed mutation?
- B. Leaven as corruption?

Parable of the Mustard Seed (vv. 18-19)

- A. Why Jesus uses ordinary illustrations
- B. The Kingdom of God will one day embrace all people
- C. The Kingdom of God being insignificant in its beginnings

The parable of the Yeast (vv. 20-21)

- A. Yeast/Leaven
- B. Yeast/Leaven representing sin & corruption

- C. Yeast/Leaven here is the permeation of God's Kingdom
- D. The parable illustration

Don't Presume Who's Included in God's Kingdom (Lk. 13:23-30)

- A. The Jewish understanding
- B. "Lord, will those who are saved be few?"(v. 23)
 - 1. The nature of the question
 - 2. Jesus uses the question to give a warning
 - 3. Don't presume with God
- C. Jesus exhorts everyone to 'strive' to enter the Kingdom (v. 24)
 - 1. Only those who enter through the narrow door
 - 2. Respond before the door closes (vv. 25-26)
 - 3. Entering dependson 'knowing' Jesus vs just having casual contact with him
 - 4. The Master of the house is Jesus (v. 26)-Jesus makes it personal to each one'then you...'
 - 5. Regret expressed by those who didn't enter through Jesus (v. 28a)
 - 6. Many people who were presumed not to be in God's Kingdom are included (v. 28b)
- D. A final warning about presuming (v. 30)

Reflections

- A. Why do people fail to enter?
- B. Going to church & assuming you're fine
- C. All paths lead to God
- D. Ask the right questions
- E. Don't be complacent
- F. The gospel is good news for all people