

# **The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast - Luke 13:18-21**

**Topics:** Beliefs, Believe, Faith, Growth, Kingdom of God/Heaven

## **Open It**

- \* 1. What is it like to plant something and watch it grow?
- 2. What happened the last time you goofed up following a recipe?

## **Explore It**

- 3. To what did Jesus liken the kingdom of God? (13:18-20)
- \* 4. How did the mustard seed start out? (13:19)
- 5. Where was the mustard seed planted? (13:19)
- \* 6. What transformation did the mustard seed make? (13:19)
- \* 7. From what can we infer that the tree became a substantial plant? (13:19)
- 8. What creatures came to live in the mustard tree's branches? (13:19)
- 9. What contrast would Jesus' listeners have noticed in the first parable? (13:19)
- 10. What did the woman add to the flour? (13:21)
- 11. What did the woman do with the yeast? (13:21)
- 12. What did the yeast do once added to the dough? (13:21)

## **Get It**

- 13. What do a mustard seed and yeast have in common?
- 14. What does the mustard seed represent?
- 15. What does the yeast and dough represent?
- \* 16. What makes a mustard seed a good illustration of God's kingdom?
- 17. What makes yeast a good illustration of God's kingdom?
- 18. In what way does each Christian make a small contribution to God's kingdom?
- \* 19. What do these two parables tell us about God's kingdom?

## **Apply It**

- \* 20. What contribution to God's kingdom can you make this week?
- 21. What can you do in the next day or two to nurture your faith?