"PARABLES OF THE LEAVEN AND THE MUSTARD SEED"

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The Parables

Mustard Seed (V. 31-32)

Leaven (V. 33)

Their Fulfillment

Mustard Seed

Leaven

The "So What? Factor Confidence

Gospel presentation undergirded by prayer

Family Life Groups

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 What evidences do you see today that the kingdom of God is growing? (Note: Might want to look up the statistics on evangelicals in operationworld.org under the listing of countries).

2) What evidences do you see that the influence of the kingdom of God permeates every area of our culture? Don't forget that any person, society, or culture can respond to the kingdom's influence either positively or negatively. 3) Do you struggle with the dread or the fear that even our US culture is closing in on the kingdom, with the darkness overtaking the light?

After considering what Jesus said in these parables, how will your perspective change when you are again tempted to fear?

If you have understood God's perspective on His kingdom, what might help you to let your head rule your emotions instead of your emotions ruling when you sense the darkness closing in on what is good and true?

4) Who is a person you know that you would like to share the gospel with, undergirding that witness with prayer that God Himself will transfer him or her from the domain of darkness to the kingdom of His beloved Son? •