

**Sermon: The Hidden Power of Christ's Kingdom.**

**Series:** *Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.*

**Scripture:** Luke 13:10-21.

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) Can you relate to the woman in verses 10-17? In what ways are you, or have you been "bent over," suffering from a "spirit of weakness," and/or "bound by Satan?"
- b) Like the ruler of the synagogue, where have you seen religiosity or legalism get in the way of compassion in your own life?

**2. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) What do the two parables about God's Kingdom in verses 18-21 teach us about the nature of God? What is God like?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) Keep considering the two parables. What can we learn about being in Christ from the parable of the mustard seed/tree? What can we learn about Christ in us from the parable of the leaven in the dough?

**APPLICATION**

- a) In the parable of the leaven, the dough is still the dough but it is completely transformed by the leaven/yeast. Apply this to how Christ in you transforms you while allowing you to still be yourself. Where can you see this dynamic in your life? Where can you see yourself responding like Christ more and more?
- b) Think of yourself as the leaven being mixed into the dough of the culture and community around you. What can you do to be more "worked into the dough?" What is your audience, platform, ministry, message in your community?
- c) Your spiritual growth is slow, hidden, mixed into you, battled by Satan, yet it is inevitable. How does this both change how you might evaluate your spiritual growth and encourage you to never give up?

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his patience and grace in growing us and his kingdom.
- Confess ways you have been bent over by Satan's oppression (thoughts, choices, feelings).
- Thank Jesus for mixing himself completely into your life like yeast in bread.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to think and respond like Christ rather than just with your habitual responses.