

Kingdom Impact

Matthew 13:31

Revelation

- Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables.
 - he did not say anything to them without using a parable.

Revelation

- So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:
 - Psalm 78:2
 - Asaph

Revelation

- Psalm 78:2
 - I will open my mouth in parables
 - I will utter hidden things, things from of old
- Declaring God's wonders to the next generation.

Revelation

- I will open my mouth in parables
 - I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world
- Jesus is declaring the story of God's kingdom to his generation.

Growth

- The kingdom of heaven is like...
 - a mustard seed
 - small
 - grows...and becomes a tree

Growth

- Small, humble beginnings should not discourage God's people.
- God's kingdom will spread.

Growth

- Kingdom growth is pictured as an organic process.
 - It cannot be manufactured or mass-produced.
- Growth takes times.

Growth

- Growth is the result of God's work.
 - I planted the seed,
 - Apollos watered it,
 - but God made it grow.

- 1 Cor. 3:6-7

Growth

- Growth is the result of God's work.
 - So neither he who plants
 - nor he who waters is anything,
 - but only God, who makes things grow.

- 1 Cor. 3:6-7

Growth

- God's kingdom will produce abundance and blessing.
- birds of the air come and perch in its branches

Influence

- The kingdom of heaven is like...
 - yeast
- mixed into a large amount of flour
 - until it worked all through the dough

Influence

- The kingdom of God is powerful.
- Though the beginnings may be small and seem insignificant, the kingdom will have a great impact.

Influence

- The kingdom of God affects everything it touches.
- Mixing is required.
- It takes time.

Influence

- The kingdom of God will spread throughout the whole of creation.
- “leavened the whole”

Kingdom Impact

- Jesus is revealing the triumph of God’s kingdom.
- It will spread, permeate creation, and bring blessing.