

“The Kingdom”

Week 3 – Small Beginnings - Mustard Seeds

warm-up

Group Ice Breaker: *ROOTED*

Ask a group member to stand still with their feet together. Ask another member to gently push on their shoulders to test their balance (don't knock them over). How stable is the standing person? Now, ask five group members to stand back to back, shoulders touching, with their feet together. Push on the shoulders of one person. Are they more stable? Discuss your observations as a group.

word & application

What is FAITH? What does it mean to “grow my faith”? Why does my faith please God?

Faith that pleases God:

Matthew 13:31-32

“Here is another illustration Jesus used: ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.’”

Luke 17:5-6

“The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Show us how to increase our faith.’ The Lord answered, ‘If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you!’”

Group Discussion: *Explore these points and questions through in-depth conversation*

Based on this passage,

1. What is the definition of the Hebrew word for Faith (pistis)?
2. If ‘faith’ means, ‘a persuasion to trust and rely on’, how does that shape our relationships with God?
3. In this relationship, what is our role? What is God’s?
4. How does this faith relationship grow?
5. If we cultivated this kind of faithful relationship, what future possibilities can we imagine?

Getting Personal: *Share how these ideas affect you personally*

- What is the Holy Spirit revealing to me through the scriptures and discussion?
- Are any of my personal beliefs being challenged by this? Where am I being challenged to grow as a result of this?
- What am I going to do about it?

prayer

Ask members to shape their prayer requests to align with the principles above. Agree in prayer together over each request. Ask God to strengthen our faith in the way of trusting reliance on Him. Ask Him to show His faithfulness to us in our lives. Ask that the seeds of our faith grow into strong, deep-rooted confidence in God and His plans.