



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: **Lessons from the Mustard Seed**

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Scriptures: **Mark 4:30-32**

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. 32 Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, we’ll continue our Gospel of Mark Series by exploring one of the most powerful metaphors of the Kingdom of God—the mustard seed. Through Jesus’s teachings on this tiny seed, we’ll discover how God works in mighty ways in our lives, often starting in the smallest and most unexpected places.

Sermon Questions:

1. What was life like for you in 2016?
2. God often does his deepest work in small and slow beginnings. However, these are words our society resists. People come to NYC to avoid the small & slow. In what ways do you struggle to embrace the small and slow?
3. When we aren’t able to see change or growth after some time, we can become anxious and afraid that God has forgotten about us or a particular situation in our life or world. Are there any areas where you are asking, “God where are you right now?”

The kingdom is like a mustard seed. Jesus is not talking about the impact but how it begins. It starts small. Think Jesus in a manger, starting the church with 12 unlikely men, Moses and his speech impediment, David and Goliath. Zechariah 4:10 says, “Do not despise small beginnings.”

4. You may also ask, “Does the small work I am doing really make a difference?” The mustard seed principle lets us know that God works powerfully through small beginnings. Small things done faithfully over time, often produce something big and significant. It’s amazing what God can do when we offer that little that we have to God. Where do you need encouragement to persevere in a seemingly small thing you are doing? Ex. praying for your PIC3, caretaking, volunteering, reading your Bible, showing kindness to a neighbor etc.