

Sermon Worksheet, 9/20/09

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (Acts 13:3-4)



Passage: Luke 13: 18-21

Theme: Sent by the Holy Spirit, No.5

In this drill, we will learn about the kingdom of God from Jesus' parables of the mustard seed and the yeast.

Observations:

- 1) What does **“a mustard seed”** represent in Jesus' mind? Search this from Luke 17:6 (also, Mark 4:30-32//Mat 13:31-32). Likewise, try to find what **“a tree”** means in the Bible by reading the story of Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Dan 4. What do you think the expression, **“the birds of the air perched in its branches”** means?
- 2) Now, about **“yeast”**, try to see how Jesus symbolically uses it in Luke 12:1ff, or Mat 16:5ff (//Mark 8:14ff). How do you relate what you find there to the words of Jesus in Luke 13:21? Also try to find how large **“the large amount of flour”** (literally **“3 sats”**) is.
- 3) What point(s) do you see in the statements, **“it (a mustard see) grew and became a tree,”** and **“it (yeast) worked all through the dough.”** What is it that Jesus is trying to say about **“the kingdom of God”**?

Personal Applications:

- 1) What is **“a mustard seed”** or **“yeast”** to you? What does “to take and plant it in your garden” or “to take and mix it into a large amount of flour” mean to you? Be specific.
- 2) And what do you believe will happen to your mustard seed or yeast? What does **“it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches”** mean to you? Or what does **“it worked all through the dough”** mean to you?
- 3) What is **“the kingdom of God”** to you, and what do you believe will happen to it from now on? And explain how you can **“seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.”** Be specific.

Prayers, and etc.

- 1) Do you believe that you will be used by God for **“the kingdom of God”** so that it will grow on earth? If so, please confess that to God.
- 2) Do you believe that your group of prayer/sharing time will grow? If so, please confess that to God also.
- 3) Pray for the recent newcomers, and the individuals whom you want to bring to church till the end of September. **Please list their names and include the list in your report.**