

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Luke, part 42, Mar 1, 2020

1. Read Luke 13:18-21 (CSB)
 2. Words are very important but we are going to see in Jesus' teaching today that the _____ of God is not just words.
 3. We can adopt the belief system. It can all be in our head but if it doesn't make it to our _____ it's all just words. Read 1 Corinthians 4:20. What does that mean to you?
 4. Many people today who are claiming to be Christians are all talk but have no power. So how can you tell the difference? Is there _____ change? When you examine your own life, can you see changes in your life that cannot be explained?
 5. The external kingdom of God is a sovereign God who is the ruler over the universe. In other words, God is in control of everything. Read Psalm 103:19.
 6. The internal kingdom of God is the spiritual ruler over the hearts and lives of those who have surrendered to God's authority. In other words, those who have put their trust in Jesus and have accepted his gift of grace through faith in Him are part of the kingdom of God. Read John 18:36
 7. There is also an actual kingdom of God. The actual rule of Jesus on the earth during a future event we call the millennium. Read Daniel 2:44
 8. Read Luke 13:18-19. The traditional idea of this story is that a very small seed can grow into a very large plant. Some believe that the mustard seed is a picture of the external growth of the kingdom of God.
 9. Read Luke 13:20-21. Some believe that this is a picture of the internal influence of the kingdom of God.
 10. The proper context of the scripture and the use of the words in other passages supports a darker meaning of these two parables.
Leaven was a picture of evil. Exodus 12:19-20
The mighty tree is a picture of a great world kingdom. Read Daniel 4:22-23
The kingdom would become polluted with false teaching. Read Galatians 5:7-9
The small seed would grow into an organization that would become a hiding place for the evil.
The birds represent the evil one. Read Matthew 13:19
 11. This is what these parables tell us about the church:
Influenced by evil. Grown too big for their britches. Polluted by false teaching. A hiding place for evil
- We must each examine of own heart.