

# Lesson 2: Parables and Values of the Kingdom

Understanding the Stories and Ethics That Shape Kingdom Living

## Key Scriptures

- Matthew 13:31-32 (Mustard Seed)
- Mark 4:26-29 (Growing Seed)
- Matthew 13:44-46 (Hidden Treasure & Pearl)
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (Weeds)
- Matthew 13:47-50 (Net)
- Matthew 5:3-12 (Beatitudes)
- Matthew 18:21-35 (Unforgiving Servant)
- Mark 10:42-45; Matthew 18:1-4 (Servanthood & Humility)

## Topics

- The growth and mysterious nature of the Kingdom
- The incomparable value of the Kingdom
- Good and evil coexisting within the Kingdom until the final judgment
- Kingdom values: humility, forgiveness, mercy, and servanthood
- The radical ethics of the Kingdom in the Beatitudes

## Discussion Questions

- How do Jesus' parables illustrate the growth, value, and inclusiveness of the Kingdom?
- How do Kingdom values contrast with society's values?
- How can we embody humility, forgiveness, and mercy in our daily lives?
- Which one of the Beatitudes is the biggest challenge for you, and which one do you most identify with?