

A Place to Belong:

Small Group Application

Note: We are a Church of Small Groups. At Grace, we believe everyone will grow in Christ if they participate in weekly worship and a small group that suits their needs. We have two basic kinds of small groups that we will refresh and launch in preparation for newcomers at Easter.

- **Life Groups:** are common interest groups with a purpose.¹
- **Home Communities:** are neighborhood based & come together for food, fellowship and to discuss life application of the sermon series.

Refresh: If you are leading a group, desire to lead a group, or want to learn more about small groups and our disciple-making system, join us for our Zoom Refresh Small Group training to begin 7pm on Wednesday the 17th for 4 weeks.

Email tieah@gracechurchseattle.org to get the zoom link

Questions: Read Matthew 13:31-35

- We assume that you desire to grown in Christ, otherwise you wouldn't be here – read Matthew 13:31-33.
- With recent events, how might you depend on King Jesus so that the GOSPEL of the Kingdom touches every aspect of your life so that it transforms your family, neighborhood, workplace, and from there the world? [I.e., what actions steps related to the GOSPEL do you need to take, personally, to live the gospel in all these areas of your life starting with your family?]

¹ A Life Group can be whatever the leader wants to make. We ask that a leader submit a Life Group leader application to Tiea Hanson available at the information desk or on-line.

The Parables of Jesus

Play the Long Game

Today's Parable:

Matthew 13:31 *He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."*

³⁴ *All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:*

*"I will open my mouth in parables;
I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."*

The Kingdom of Heaven had a small beginning but will transform everything.

Application:

- Those who are spiritually alive will hear and act –
- Transformation starts with an Idea > a Witness > a Reformation –
- Transformation is both visible & invisible → play the long-game –