

**LEARNING WITH LUKE 13:17-21 “TIME TO GROW”** P.1037 PEW BIBLE

**Luke 13:19** “the kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed which became a tree”

**Luke 13:21** “the kingdom of God is like leaven hid in flour, until it was all leavened”

*The Biblical realism in these parables teaches the effective growth of the church and the authentic transforming power of Christ's gospel. -RK Hughes*

**1- What is the Kingdom of GOD like? - growing on earth**

Luke 13:17-18 - likened

Daniel 4:34-35 - realm

Luke 8:1,11:20, Col 1:13

Mark 1:15 - repent, receive

*Jesus started with a handful of people, and within 40 years from the time Jesus spoke that parable, the kingdom of God had penetrated every locale in the Roman Empire. -RC Sproul*

**2- Like a SEED becoming a tree? - growing up**

Luke 13:19 - became a tree

Matt 13:1-43 - seeds & weeds

Mark 4:1-34 - seeds growing

*From seed to tree shows the power of proportion, as something that starts small grows to become large, and something seemingly insignificant will grow to have worldwide effect. -J McDurmon*

**3- Like LEAVEN permeating dough? - growing out**

Luke 13:20-21 - all

Gen 18:6 - seahs

Luke 2:2 - hidden

Psalms 139 - formed

*The seed illustrates the progress of the gospel in the world, and the leaven shows the progress of the gospel in the heart of the believer. -JC Ryle*

*The tiny bit of leaven shows its permeating power and pervasiveness, as it spreads and permeates the whole, the same way the kingdom of God will permeate all peoples, places and things everywhere. -J McDurmon*

**4- How are YOU growing Christ's kingdom? - in Christ**

Luke 24:47, Acts 17:6

Col 1:1-10 - bearing fruit

Col 1:11-23 - kingdom

Phil 1:6 - 'already now' but 'all not yet'

*In the kingdom of God, a woman bent in half can be made straight, and a culture twisted and distorted can be turned right side up, when the people of God act like the people of God. -RC Sproul*

*Are we resting satisfied with a few vague wishes and convictions? Do we know anything of a gradual, growing, spreading, increasing, leavening process going on in our inward man? Let us be content with nothing less.*

*The true work of the Holy Spirit will never stand still. It will leaven the whole lump. -JC Ryle*

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1-24 **Psalm 139:1-24** - formed

1-25 **Luke 13:18-21** - growth

1-26 **Matt 13:1-43** - sowing

1-27 **Mark 4:1-34** - growing

1-28 **Luke 24:44-49** - nations

1-29 **Col 1:1-10** - bearing fruit

1-30 **Col 1:11-23** - kingdom

*The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God*

♦ *How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?*

