

**I. Read Luke 13:18-21**

- A. In verse 19, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed. Elsewhere in Scripture He uses the mustard seed to describe a related but different matter. What else does He compare to a mustard seed? (see Matthew 17:20; Luke 17:6)
  
- B. What point is Jesus making in comparing the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed? (Read Job 8:7)
  
- C. To whom and to what was Jesus referring in the phrase “a man took and put in his garden” (verse 19)? What was his point?
  
- D. Why did Jesus compare the kingdom of God to “a large tree... which would house the birds of the air in its branches”?
  
- E. In view of the great benefit and positive effect that Christianity (the kingdom of God) has had on the world, how do the cultural elite of America usually portray Christians?
  
- F. If we take Jesus’ words in Luke 13:19 seriously, what would the likely effect be on our evangelism, cultural involvement, efforts toward social justice, etc.?
  
- G. In Luke 13:20, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to “leaven.” What point is He making?