**3/2/25 Big Things Can Come From a Small Package! Matthew 13:31-35**

* Bigger does not always mean better.
* Generally ladies prefer small boxes.
* Jesus came into the world as a small package.
* The people expected a political Messiah who would bring an earthly kingdom.
* A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

**Matthew 13:1-3,10-11**

**1. Small but impactful!**

* Jesus used a parable to explain that His Kingdom would have a small beginning.
* Jesus corrected the Jews’ perception that God’s Kingdom would come all at once in great glory and power by using mustard seeds and yeast as examples.
* The Kingdom would grow slowly but surely in people’s hearts, making a difference in people’s lives and preparing them for life to come in God’s Eternal Kingdom.

**Matthew 13:31-32**

**2. Small with transforming power!**

* Throughout scripture yeast is often used as a symbol of evil or uncleanliness.
* Because yeast makes the dough expand and rise, it is a positive symbol of growth.
* Although the Kingdom had small beginnings, it would grow to have a great impact on the world.

**Matthew 13:33,16:6; Romans 12:2**

**3. Small minds must be enlightened.**

* Jesus never spoke to the crowds without using parables.
* The hidden mysteries refer to God’s mighty acts in redeeming His people despite their sin and unfaithfulness.
* There is a mysterious and wonderful power unleashed when that seed is planted

and that yeast is mixed into the dough.

* We should consider the impact of our heartfelt commitment to let God’s will be done in our lives through our influence in ways we could never even ask or imagine.

**Matthew 6:10, 13:34,35; Psalms 78:2-3; Ephesians 3:20**

**Upcoming Events**

Back to School and Cookout Event planning meeting next Sunday, March 9th in the fellowship hall.

New Members Class - Saturday, March 15th from 10 AM – 12 PM in the fellowship hall.

The next planning meeting for our upcoming Women’s Tea will be held on the 3rd Sunday, May 16th.

Union Meeting, March 28-30 at New Prospect, 598 Hwy 84, Stockton, GA. The choir will sing on Friday night at 7 PM; we should be the second to the last choir to sing. Pastor Adams will be teaching the Bible Institute on that Saturday morning at 10 AM.

**Thought for the Week:** God is always working for our good, even when the answers we want are delayed.