

# THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

Luke 13:18-30

The fulfillment of God's kingdom **promises** occurs in miraculous and **unexpected** ways.

- The kingdom grows powerfully from **humble** beginnings into a **glorious** rest. (vv. 18-24)
- Jesus controls the **door** to the kingdom and it will not remain **open** forever. (vv. 25-27)
- The kingdom of God defies all **worldly** expectations. (vv. 28-30)

# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. How do the parables of the mustard seed and leaven encourage us when God's Kingdom seems small or hidden today? How are you encouraged by the future rest we are promised?  
Luke 13:18-21; Is. 9:6-7; Ezek. 17:22-24
2. What does it mean to "strive to enter through the narrow door," and how is that different from simply being near Jesus?  
Luke 13:23-24; John 10:7-9, Matt. 7:13-14; 2 Cor. 6:1-2; Rev. 3:7
3. Why does Jesus say that some who think they know Him will be shut out of the Kingdom? Discuss the difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus.  
Luke 13:25-27; Matt. 7:21-23; 2 Cor. 13:5; Heb. 9:27-28
4. What does it tell us about God's heart that people from east and west, north and south will recline at the Kingdom feast? How should this shape the way we view the church today?  
Luke 13:28-29; Isaiah 25:6-9; Mal. 1:11; Acts 10:34-35; Rev. 5:9-10, 7:9-10
5. Jesus says "some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." How does this Kingdom reversal challenge the way we measure success or status in our culture?  
Luke 13:30; 1 Cor. 1:27-29; Phil. 2:5-11; Hab. 2:14;
6. Share examples of how you have seen the kingdom of God manifested on earth?  
Rom. 14:17; Matt. 28:18



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