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Order of Worship 10 July 2022 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer Sermon Series: Story Time-The Parables of Jesus Sermon: "The Mustard Seed"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Gossiping the Good Stuff Doxology Blessing and Sending



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ON THE CORNER OF 16TH & BRANDT STREETS

Story Time: The Parables of Jesus "The Mustard Seed" Pastor Kris Beckert

What's one of your favorite stories (book, movie, show) and why?

Mark 1:15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

- Jesus makes a big, bold claim about the
- People's reactions—
- Jesus told parables to help people understand what the Kingdom of God

Mark 4:30-32 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

I. What would they have heard?

• The mustard seed was a familiar

- Mustard grew
- In a garden, mustard could be

II. What was Jesus' point?

Greatness begins as _____

Zechariah 4:10 Do not despise the small beginnings...

Mark 4:33-34 With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Mark 4:9 Then Jesus said. "Whoever has ears to hear. let them hear."

Big Idea:

Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. Why do you think we tend to remember things when they are presented in stories versus when they are aiven as information or facts?
- 2. Had you been in Jesus' company as he told this parable, what do you think would have been your gut reaction?
- 3. What is your understanding of the Kingdom of God? What image would you use to illustrate it?
- 4. How does the Kingdom of God share traits of the mustard seed? What is most frustrating to you about the Kingdom of God?
- 5. In what ways have you been seeking or looking for areatness in life and in the world? How would a "mustard seed mentality" change your outlook? How you see others? How you view your work? What you do with your gifts, time, and money?
- 6. What is one small thing God may be nudging you to start?

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