

# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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OF PEACE  
Called to Connect



## Seeds

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We love big and grand stories. At times we can feel that our story is too small, too inadequate for attention. However, God reminds us that from even the smallest of stories comes amazing purpose.

## SCRIPTURE TEXT: MATTHEW 13:31-32

Read the scripture text together as a group.

### BACKGROUND INFO

This week's scripture passage is about seeds - the seeds of the Kingdom of God - the often overlooked and misunderstood moments that point to what God is up to in the world. If we have eyes to see and ears to hear, these seeds certainly can and do point us toward the Kingdom of God. These seeds certainly can show us how God works in the simple, mundane, usually very ordinary places in our lives. The Kingdom of God is like something 'this-worldly' that points us to something 'other-worldly.'

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

***Our stories and God's story are not disconnected. They are constantly moving together in the context of what we call the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven.***

- Share a story about a recent time when you saw God at work in a simple, mundane, or ordinary place in your life.
- Share about one (or more) of the following: the first time you rode a bicycle, the day you got your driver's license, the last time you had really great corn on the cob, the first time someone special said "I love you", a reunion with a dear friend, when singing a favorite hymn brought you to tears, when you read or heard the exact scripture passage you needed in that moment, when you felt the peace that passes all understanding, how you feel sitting right here right now.

***If the kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed, how do we not miss it? How do we not miss the kingdom of God emerging and being revealed all around us?***

- How do YOU train yourself to recognize the little seeds of the kingdom when the kingdom comes close? How do YOU practice the spiritual practice of Awareness?

***When we're aware of and actively looking for all of the ways the tiniest seeds of the Kingdom of God are emerging, we'll naturally express gratitude for all that God is doing among us.***

- What are you grateful for today?

**CHALLENGE:** This week, connect as much of your daily experience with the expectation that the Kingdom of God is here, now, among us, emerging around us everywhere. And be grateful.