

MESSAGE NOTES



Series: Encounters
Message: The Trusting
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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Mark 4:30–32 (NLT)

God's kingdom is not places, properties, or politics. It is where He is the leader over those who have chosen to trust and follow Him.

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Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.
¹⁰ May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:9–10 (NLT)

God's kingdom operates with very different values than others do.

"At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and he said, "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way."

Luke 10:21 (NLT)

The impact of God's kingdom is greater than any other, and it benefits all.

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TAKE HOME SHEET



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Jesus uses the smallest garden seed to illustrate what the Kingdom of God is like. At the time, Jesus' followers were a tiny and unimpressive group. Today, God's Kingdom is represented all over the world.

What do you learn about God in this parable?

Slowly read what Jesus taught about praying:

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What stands out to you about being part of God's Kingdom?

What is God's Kingdom NOT about?

Jesus illustrates the impact of God's Kingdom like this:

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How do we do this as a church? Personally?

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