



## **Matt. 13:31-35**

### **Further Study:**

- Read 1 Cor. 1:27-29. How have you experienced this verse in your own life?
- As you consider the first group of Jesus' parables, how do you see spiritual warfare? How might we apply this to the modern church?
- How is the kingdom like a mustard seed?
- How are we to interpret the sowing of the mustard seed in the field?
- What is the end result of the mustard seed? How are we to interpret the positive attributes of the mustard seed?
- Consider Matt. 13:55-57; Acts 4:14; 1 John 4:4. How do we understand the paradox that the Kingdom appears small but has powerful results?
- What is the parable of the leaven? What is the leaven, and the significance of its being hidden?
- How might we see salvation and sanctification in this example?
- Consider the transformation of Martin Luther. How might we see such a transformation in our own lives? How has the Kingdom changed us personally, and how has it led us to be used to help change others?
- How does Matt. 13:34-35 reveal God's sovereignty?
- How does Matthew use the message of Psalm 78 to help us fully understand Jesus Messianic ministry? What parallels can we find between the words of Asaph and Jesus teaching via parables?
- Salvation is a miracle of a moment, but sanctification is the process of a lifetime. What does this mean to you? How have you experienced this in your life?