



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

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Series- The Vision at Home

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33 He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."- Matthew 13:33.

1. From Little Things big things grow. (Matthew 13:31-33)

- From baby in Bethlehem too resurrected Lord.
- From 12 uneducated disciples to the religion of the empire.
- Small acts of faithfulness to a mighty movement of God
- Do not despise the day of small things. (Zechariah 4:10)
- Pursue the vision in each sphere of your life- large and small.

2. A reminder of what God is calling us to pursue. Making disciples who:

- Are adopted and led by the Spirit. (Gal. 4:4-6)
- Is learning to serve and serving to learn. (John 13:13-17)
- Marked by Love (1 John 3:16).
- Propelled outwards carrying the good news. (Mark 1:17-18)

3. If that is our vision and a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough then- so what?

- Pursing the vision might involve marginal gains. Marginal in quantity and in every sphere of life.
- One sphere of life is the home.
- Homes look different for different people (Single, married, families, extended families etc. But whatever that looks like the impact is big.
- A key question then for us is- what does the kingdom look like for us within the context of our homes.

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Matthew 13:31-35. What does this parable teach us about the nature of the “kingdom of heaven?” What do you think is meant by that term?
2. Read Gal. 4:4-6. What does Paul say about adoption and the Spirit? How are adoption and the Holy Spirit connected?
3. Read John 13:13-17. What does Jesus say about learning to serve in these verses? What is significant about verse 17?
4. Read 1 John 3:16. What does John have to say about God's love for us and how is that to find expression in the life of God's people?
5. Read Mark 1:16-17. What does Jesus call these men to do and what is the his purpose for that calling?

B. Meditation & application

6. What do you make of this profile of a disciple? Do you think it is a fair summary of what it is to be a disciple? If so- do you think it describes the way you see yourself?
7. Marcus said that the home is an interesting sphere of discipleship as it is usually the place where we are at our least guarded and also it is largely the context where we are with those we most love. Do you think that is true? What challenges does the home front present to you as a disciple?
8. Do you think “being adopted and led by the Spirit,” makes a difference to how we do home life? What practical difference do you think being a child of God being led by the Spirit of God make in your home life?
9. In what practical ways does learning to serve and serving to learn affect the way that you do home life?
10. God calls us to know that we are loved in order that we might live a life of love? What would it mean for you to live a life of love in your home? Think of some practical ways that you can demonstrate that you are marked by love in your home in the coming week?
11. We are called to be propelled outwards carrying the good news. Do you think it possible to use your home as a place of mission?

Prayer: Heavenly Father; Help us to live out our faith in every sphere of our life. Forgive us Lord that we often the worst of ourselves to those in our own home. Help us to live faithfully to Christ in our homes. We pray this for Jesus sake- Amen.