

WEEK 4

DISCUSSION GUIDE



Some things are hard to understand — like chemistry, verb conjugations, the blockchain, or why your friend is mad at you. When we face a problem, situation, or idea we're struggling to understand, it always helps to know someone we trust can explain it to us. When Jesus was here on earth, he spent a lot of time helping his followers understand some pretty hard-to-understand ideas about God. One of the ways Jesus often made complicated ideas simpler was by explaining them through stories and metaphors, which we call parables. In this four-week series from the Gospels, we'll explore four of the parables Jesus told his followers to explain four important truths about God. These parables help us see that **God's words are a firm foundation, in God's kingdom, everyone belongs, God's words invite a response**, and that **God's kingdom is always growing**.

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

God's kingdom is always growing.

BIBLE

Matthew 13:31-32; Psalm 86:11-13;
1 Corinthians 3:7-9

QUESTIONS

- Who's the most overrated performer, creator, or athlete you can think of? Who's the most underrated?
- Whether you're a fan of a sports team, musician, show, or game, how can being part of a passionate fan base make you feel like a part of something bigger than yourself?
- What are some other ways people might try to be part of something bigger than themselves?
- Do you think everyone is created with a desire to be part of something bigger than themselves? Why or why not?
- Retell me Jesus' parable as though I've never heard it before. Then explain it to me!
- How would you explain "the kingdom of heaven"? What questions do you still have about what that means?
- Is there an area of your life where you're hesitant to let God's "will be done"? If so, what's stopping you from letting God help you grow in that area?
- What are some small ways you've seen other people help God's kingdom grow here on Earth? Which of those things do you feel inspired to do too?
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:7-9. How is this a helpful reminder when we're trying to grow in our faith? How is it a helpful reminder when we're trying to help God's kingdom grow?
- This week, how do you want to see God's kingdom grow in your life or in the world? And what are you going to do to help make that happen?



Share your habit stacks with each other! See if anyone has identified a habit stack that would be helpful to someone else in the group.