CIBC Sermon-Based Discussion Guide This guide is designed to help guide life group discussions of this were



This guide is designed to help guide life group discussions of this week's sermon at Cayman Islands Baptist Church. For more information on life groups and other discipleship opportunities at CIBC, please visit www.cibaptist.ky.



Get the Picture

-Title: "Little is much when God is in it"

-Series/Text: We Work/He Works Wonders (Matt. 13:31-35)

-Date: Feb 14, 2021 **-Speaker:** Pastor Steve

-Main Idea: God does extraordinary things through ordinary believers.



Group Discussion

a) Connect

- 1) Commit: Before you begin, agree as a group that you will commit to having an honest discussion about this text without casting any judgment or sharing any unsolicited advice.
- 2) Read: Read Psalm 139:23-24 out loud before you pray to begin the discussion.
- 3) **Pray:** Pray over the group and ask the Lord to "Search your heart" and reveal idols that are keeping you from receiving truth.

b) Engage

- 1) **Read:** Read Matthew 13 and analyze the context of the story.
- 2) **Discuss:** How are these 2 parables encouraging for Christians today?
- 3) Discuss: From the sermon, do you remember what a parable is and can you define the kingdom of God?
- **4) Discuss:** What kingdom mustard seeds are you sowing in your life that God might want to grow into trees?
- 5) **Discuss**: Do you know how leaven works? What are the characteristics of leaven in this parable that remind us of the power of God?
- **6) Discuss:** Read Psalm 78 and discuss the connection with this parable in Matthew 13?
- 7) **Discuss**: Why do you think God works his kingdom this way on earth, from small to great?

c) Apply

1) Consider: Begin this week sowing the seeds of the kingdom in your life, family and career. Trust God to bring the increase in time through his unusual power to the glory of Christ.

d) Pray

- 1) **Silent Prayer:** Enter into a time of silence to allow God to speak to you in response to everything you discussed today. Listen for areas where He may be telling you He wants you to step out in obedience.
- 2) **Group Prayer:** After a time of silence, close out the study with a group prayer for God's help to sow gospel seed in his power.

Going Deeper

1) Invite someone to church this week and watch God grow the seed in them. Begin reading Scripture and pray regularly and the unusual power of God will change your life in time.