

MATTHEW

August 14, 2022
Matthew 13:33-35

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Reflect a little. What is the kingdom of heaven?
2. These two parables have been interpreted in very different ways; both positively and not so positively. Positively, how might the kingdom of heaven be like a mustard seed (vv. 31-32)?

What is its purpose in understanding it in this way?

3. Positively, how might the kingdom of heaven be like leaven (v. 33)?

What is its purpose in understanding it this way?

4. Not so positively, how might the kingdom of heaven be like a mustard seed?

What is its purpose in understanding it this way?

5. Not so positively, how might the kingdom of heaven be like leaven?

What is its purpose in understanding it this way?

6. Given the tenor of the first four parables in the chapter, do these two parables (third & fourth) play out better as positive or not so positive? Why?

7. Why is it significant that Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables (v. 35)?

What do parables do?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will clean out the old leaven this week by . . .

I will be led by the Spirit of God this week by . . .

I will be an imitator of God week by . . .