



THE UNEXPECTED JESUS – MISSING THE MESSIAH:

WEEK #7 – THE UNEXPECTED KINGDOM

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SUMMARY

The Kingdom Jesus brings about is not what was expected. It is more like seeds scattered on the ground or a mustard seed that can hardly be seen. It starts small and seems invisible, but will produce a large harvest. Just like the seeds, man does not bring about the harvest. God does. In what ways have we expected the Kingdom to be flashy and impressive? Where might God already be building his Kingdom in and through us in ways we have failed to recognize?

In Jesus' Kingdom, small is big.



STUDY - PERSONAL

Here are some great introductory resources on this topic:

- Mark 4:26-34
- [The Gospel According to Mark – The Bible Project](#)
- [The Son of Man Must Suffer Many Things – John Piper](#)
- Jesus the King – Tim Keller

DISCUSS – MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

Discuss these questions with your group:

1. Read Mark 4:26-34. What were your big take-away(s) from the message on this passage on Sunday?
2. Steps toward living in obedience for the Kingdom of God starts small. What are some small ways that you can actively live out your faith in obedience this week?
3. How can we help each other as family put our “small” faith in the right object?
4. Jesus can use your Missional Communities small faith for big things. As we seek obedience to be on mission, what are some ways we can practically make small steps towards mission? What are small ways that we can start serving the people group we are involved with?

EXPERIENCE – ON MISSION

These are some practical exercises for you to work through with your MC:

- Pick a day this week where your Missional Community will start taking small steps toward reaching your people group. For example: We have one MC who is trying to reach restaurant workers. They started meeting once a month at a restaurant so they can start building relationships with the workers there. Their small steps of obedience can be used in huge ways for the Kingdom. What small steps can you start to make right now?
- This week, encourage your Missional Community to put “little” faith in the right object so that you can take “little” steps for the right reasons. Do this by digging into the discussion time this week and continuing to build a solid gospel foundation for your MC.