

Stories: Week 3, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Reading Plan

Sunday-

Find your seat at a Sunday service and take notes.

Monday-

**READ: Luke 13:18-21**

**REFLECT:** Jesus is talking to His disciples in this passage and asks them two questions in verse 18, and then asks one of those questions again in verse 20. Why do you think he asked “What is the Kingdom of God like” twice? How does he use this question to get to the main point of this parable?

**PRACTICE:** Pray that God reveals the mustard seeds in your life, and take time to praise Him for the mustard seeds He has already grown into trees.

**TAKE IT FURTHER!**

**READ:** Matthew 13:44

**REFLECT:** This week during the TAKE IT FURTHER portion we will look at short one or two verse parables that Jesus also describes the Kingdom of God. Use <https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/scotland-reference-notes/matthew/matthew-13.html> as an online resource for Scofield Reference Bible to help build a greater understanding about other aspects of the Kingdom of God.

Tuesday-

READ: 1 Samuel 14:1-6

REFLECT: God shows throughout scripture that He loves using small numbers to accomplish His goal. Jonathan told his armor-bearer (1 Samuel 14:6) that it makes little difference to God whether He saves by the few or the many. This is a great reminder that the numbers don't matter as much as it matters if you are doing God's will or not.

PRACTICE: Where in your life may the numbers be few, but you have seen God's faithfulness to complete the goal?

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Wednesday-

READ: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

REFLECT: The Apostle Paul suggested in I Corinthians 1:26 that the members of that church look around. They would see not many celebrities, not many people the world acclaims as great or mighty or rich or gifted. God chose to use the nobodies of the world.

PRACTICE: Where have you felt like a nobody in the world's eyes, so you refuse to step into what God has called you to? Pray and ask God for the strength to trust Him and what He has called you to do.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: Matthew 13:52

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Thursday-

READ: John 6:5-11, Mark 12:41-44

REFLECT: God loves to use small gifts in the view of the world, but mean a lot to the giver. No one illustrates this better than the boy who gave his lunch to Jesus and ended up feeding five thousand (John 6:9) or the widow who dropped her two coins into the offering and went on her way (Mark 12:42). Neither had any way of knowing what this meant to the Lord or that we would still be talking about them 2,000 years later.

PRACTICE: What are some small gifts you have given to God that you have seen used in much mightier ways than you expected? Praise God for using small gifts to accomplish great things.

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READ: Mark 4:26-29

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Friday-

READ: 1 Samuel 17:17-58

REFLECT: God uses small moments and decisions to be a catalyst of great growth. David made the simple decision to obey his father and take food to his brothers. What did that small moment lead to by the end of the chapter? What are the “small moments” in your life that have led to great things for God?

PRACTICE: Praise God for the small moments in our lives that He uses to accomplish great things.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: Matthew 13:47-50

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Saturday-

Build Your Time with God Today!

Here are some suggestions:

-Review your time with God this week and spend a few minutes **journaling a prayer** of praise for who He is, of confession for areas in your life needing His transformation, of thanks for what He has done and of needs for what He can do.

-Review the Scriptures you read this week by listening to them on a Bible app or website.

-Check out a whoisgrace playlist on Spotify and spend some time in worship