

# MATTHEW 13: 31-35

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Andy explored how our identity and purpose is found in understanding what the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus talks about it all the time, and it is here where we need to make our home, our identity, and our purpose. The parable of the mustard seed gives us the process, and the parable of the yeast gives us the progress.

**Process:** the mustard seed grows from a small seed to a large tree, and identity grows as we realise that we are children God, children of His kingdom. That gives us hope, inheritance, and resurrection power.

**Progress:** yeast permeates the whole bread. God is not opposed to effort in our faith, he is opposed to trying to earn his favour by religious means. He wants you to have a relationship with Him that reaches every part of who you are.

The church is part of this Kingdom: we are to go and discover, introduce, and live out the kingdom on our frontlines. This is our identity and purpose. Take time in reading, listening, prayer, silence and solitude, sabbath, living simply, slowing down, making time will fuel us, as this will help us to see and realise the Kingdom of heaven.



## 01 — Communicating like Jesus

How does our style of communication of the gospel differ to Jesus', should we adopt a more parable like style when sharing our faith? What do you think?



## 02 — Success vs failure?

What does success look like for you on your frontline?



## 03 — Shaping our faith

As our identity is found in what Jesus has done for us, not in what we do, how does this fact shape how we live out our faith? Why?



## 04 — Practising what (Andy) preaches

As our purpose is to 'know him better' what practices do we need to change or embrace? Why?

