

06-16-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. We offer our small and seemingly insignificant gifts. When these seeds are planted, there is growth...

We often look upon our small gifts with limited or lowered expectations. And, of course, the Kingdom of God is a reversal of our human perspective.”

- *Kenneth H. Carter Jr.*



Mark 4:30-32

Questions for Reflection —

- In what small or seemingly insignificant ways has God worked in and through your life in the past? How is God currently using you to help grow the kingdom? What is the next small step of faith you might take to further engage the work of God’s kingdom? What do you need in order to take that step?

- How has your Christian discipleship grown into something that has become a blessing to others? What spiritual practices helped to nurture that growth? Who guided you and mentored you on your faith journey? How are you a source of spiritual nourishment and care for others?

- In what ways does the kingdom of God currently seem to you to be hidden, uncertain, and/or insignificant? What global situations and cultural obstacles challenge your ability to see the infiltration of God’s kingdom in the here and now? What will enable you to maintain hope and trust in God’s loving care? What do you need in order to persist in ongoing participation in kingdom work even if you do not perceive immediate results?

Daily Household Prayer*

Gracious God, you are the gardener of all creation. You planted this world with the seeds of your love and grow them with your faithfulness. We are your harvest; we find our meaning and sustenance in you. May our minds listen to you calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will, may our feet follow you in the world, through Jesus, the Word become flesh. Amen.