

CULTIVATE WHAT MATTERS

Has anyone ever thanked you for an encouraging word you don't remember saying? If you are an educator, this has most likely happened to you at least once. Days are often filled with seemingly meaningless opportunities to plant seeds of kindness and inspiration in the lives of those around us. What may seem insignificant or small by the world's standards often translates into great significance in God's economy. Jesus spoke about this in two of his famous parables.

[Read Matthew 13:31-32.](#)

How does Jesus describe the mustard seed?

When did the mustard seed begin to grow? How did it grow?

Seeds won't grow unless they are planted. We all walk around with bags of "seeds" to plant, but sometimes we aren't willing to get our hands dirty, thinking little will come of our efforts. However, like the mustard seed, God has the most supernatural ability to take the little we have, offered to Him in obedience, and magnify it for His glory in ways we cannot imagine. What seeds is God prompting you to plant today? Seeds of kindness? Seeds of patience? Seeds of guidance? Don't miss out on the opportunity to cultivate what matters to Him. You may just be part of changing the world!

[Read Matthew 13:33.](#)

What happened to the yeast/leaven?

When did the yeast begin to expand in the flour?

The Greek word for leaven used here is *ýmē* (yeast); this figuratively means the *spreading influence* of what is typically *concealed* (but still very dramatic). As educators, we are called to "work the dough" of young minds and hearts. It doesn't have to be big to be significant. Start with those in front of you today, and trust God to turn something small into something beautiful in His timing. We have the opportunity to do something eternally significant every single day. Lean in. Listen to God's voice. Cultivate what matters.

God, thank You for choosing me and using me to serve others. I pray You will open my eyes to the opportunities right in front of me. Help me to be purposeful and intentional, responding to Your voice in obedience and love. Guide my steps as I seek to cultivate what really matters for eternity. I give You what I have and trust You to multiply it for Your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3