

KINGDOM WORK

What's an Educator to Do?

*“Working for the Kingdom” is a phrase frequently used in Christian circles. Christian educators are often reminded that their work is “for the Kingdom,” but what does this actually mean? What does it look like to be a Kingdom worker in the day-in-and-day-out grind of educating children? Jesus gives us a glimpse into the answer through His storytelling. Jesus used parables (an analogy to understand a spiritual truth) to teach about His Kingdom. Before examining one of His parables, it’s important to define “Kingdom of Heaven.” *By this, Jesus is referring to His domain as the Messiah. In the current age, the Kingdom of Heaven is spiritual, existing within the hearts of believers. Later, the kingdom will be manifest physically, when the Lord Jesus establishes His throne on this earth.*¹*

Read Matthew 13:33 and Luke 13:20-21.

What does Jesus say about the yeast? How much was used, and what was the impact?

What are some ways your words and actions can be like yeast in your workplace?

Read Luke 17:21 in the ESV, NIV, AMP, or MSG.

What does Jesus say about the Kingdom of God?

Where does the Kingdom of God reside in a believer?

Yeast makes dough rise from within. Likewise, the Kingdom of God exists and transforms the heart of every believer through the presence of the Holy Spirit. As a result, we grow, and internal change is reflected in external demonstrations.

Read Galatians 5:22-23.

What does “working for the Kingdom” look like?

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for placing Your kingdom in my heart through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Remind me, Lord, that You can take what little I offer and by Your grace use it to draw others to you. May You be glorified through my life as You use me as an agent for change in my workplace. In Jesus name, amen.

REFERENCE

1 <https://www.gotquestions.org/parable-leaven.html>.