



## The Yeast

*Matthew 13:31-35 (page 980)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

**The Mustard Seed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Yeast:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Parables:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Starter question

❖ What small thing has had a big impact in your life?

## Responding to the talk

1. If you had to write a newspaper headline for this week's talk what would it be?
2. Read Matthew 13:31-32.
  - a. How does the growth of the mustard seed illustrate the growth of the Kingdom?
  - b. What do you think the birds refer to (cf. Ez. 31:6; Dan. 4:20-22)?
  - c. How does knowing that God grows big things from small beginnings help us?
3. Read Matthew 13:33
  - a. How is this parable similar to the one about the Mustard Seed and how is it different?
  - b. What is the point of such a large amount of flour?
  - c. How does this help us understand how Christians are to work to change the world?
4. Read Matthew 13:34-35
  - a. What does the quote from Psalm 78 suggest about the truth Jesus teaches?
  - b. Read Psalm 78:1-8. What is the hope of the Psalmist?
  - c. How does it teach us to pass on the great truths about God?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

## Applying it to our lives

11. You talk to a Christian friend who has been part of a Christian project that hasn't worked out. They are feeling that God has let them down. How might you counsel them?
12. What cautions and encouragements does this passage give about preparing church vision statements?