PPT The Gospel of the Kingdom Series

"Parables of the Kingdom"
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are taken from the NKJV.

Jesus Began to Preach

Matthew 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Parable of the Mustard Seed

Mathew 13:31-32

"Another parable He put forth to them, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

Key elements: the sower, the mustard seed, the great tree which grew from it, and the birds which perched on its branches.

The Parable of the Leaven

Matthew 13:33

"Another parable He spoke to them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

Key elements: The amount of flour is in contrast to the amount of yeast. Water is needed to make the dough.

- The leaven transforms the dough unseen but with a lasting effect. Gospel of the Kingdom does the same in our lives.
- We are transformed into the likeness of Christ just as the flour is transformed by the yeast.

How to Enter the Kingdom of God

John 3:5-6 "Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

The Word is Near YOU!

Romans 10:8-10 "But what does it say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the

heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Romans 10:11-13 "For the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"