
THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE
GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

RIVER OAKS
CLOVER HILL

Launching on Sunday December 3rd

A KINGDOM OF SEEDS AND LEAVEN

Luke 13:18-21

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James R. Edwards:

"Like the patient farmer, Jesus is supremely confident in the coming kingdom. Though beset by opposition from religious leaders and misunderstanding from followers, Jesus is not disheartened, distraught or desperate. Nor should there be anxiety among his disciples. The faith that Jesus requires of disciples is to sleep and rise in humble confidence that God has invaded this troubled world not with a crusade but with a seed…that will grow into a fruitful harvest."

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Jonathan Edwards:

"The visible kingdom of Satan shall be overthrown, and the kingdom of Christ set up on the ruins of it, everywhere throughout the whole habitable globe."

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The prophet Zechariah – “For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice…” (Zech. 4:10)

Christopher Dawson - “The Christian church lives in the light of eternity, and can afford to be patient”.

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Glen Sunshine (32 Christians who Changed the World):

"…most were not Christian "professionals". In other words, they were not employed as pastors or missionaries. Instead, they worked across various cultural spheres as if Christian truth mattered as much there as in any church. They sought to educate because they believed God is truth. They sought to liberate, because they knew every person bears God's image and that truth sets us free. They sought to create, because in creating we worship the Creator. They sought to alleviate suffering, because God had originally created the world good. They fought injustice because God is just and wants justice in His world. They lived as if Christ is king, because they knew He is."

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Jesus in John 12:23-25:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

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