

## Insights from Luke

### #53: "Kingdom Growth"

Luke 13:18-21

### Acts 1:3

“<sup>3</sup> To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.”

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**Point #1**

There is always a risk to interpreting parables.

**Point #2**

It all seems so insignificant.

**Point #3**

Leaven is often referred to as a metaphor for the progress of sin.

**Point #4**

Concerning extensive growth:  
Tree nesting birds have a connection to the Old Testament.

**Point #5**

Intensive Growth is apparent in the second parable.

**The growth of the kingdom does not mean a Christianized world.**

**Be encouraged:  
If you belong to Jesus,  
you will grow.**

**World or national events always  
stand in contrast to  
God's Seed or God's leaven  
achieving all He purposes to  
achieve.**

**Sure hope for my own soul.**