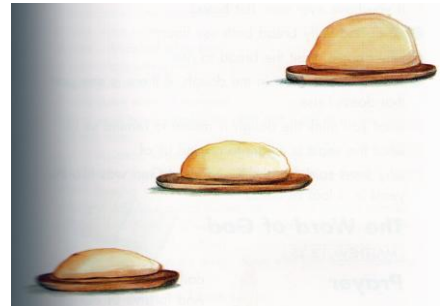
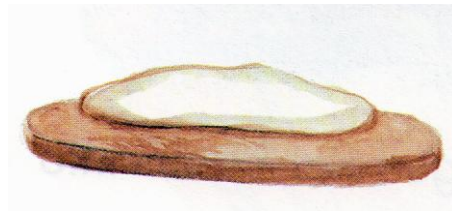


The Parable of the Leaven





Leaven is also called yeast.

When yeast is mixed in the flour, something happens

– it makes the flour grow...

Today I'd like to show you a work that helps you think about the Kingdom of God and the Leaven.

The mustard seed parable tells us that the Kingdom of God starts small and grows.

The pearl and the treasure parables tell us that God's kingdom is precious.

The parable of the leaven helps us to think about how the Kingdom grows.

Read story from Scriptures Matthew 13:33

(Light the candle)

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

(Extinguish the candle)

At our table, we have a recipe card that will help us to thing about this parable...

One large spoon (three measures of flour)

A small spoon (Yeast)

Water (small amount)

We mix yeast and flour first.

Then we add water.

What happens to the yeast? – It disappears.

Stir slowly

Put some dry flour on the mat and on your hands so that it doesn't stick

Put the mixture on the table, and flatten it.

Then roll it in from the sides – then flatten (three times)

Now it's ready for the leaven to work... we will leave it in a sunny spot until tomorrow... by then it will have grown.

We have a lot of work to do in cleaning up.

- Take the bowl and the mixing spoon to be cleaned
- Dispose of this in waste basket (make sure it has a plastic bag)
- Scrape mat with dry sponge (into a heap), then push it off the edge into the waste bin.
- Go to the water source, and get just enough water to cover the bottom of the cleaning bowl.
- Wet the sponge and clean the vinyl mat.

I Wonder...

I wonder what has happened here.

This seems to be growing from the inside out

I wonder how God's kingdom grows in us?

I wonder why Jesus told us to think about the leaven when we are wondering about the kingdom of God?