



Sermon Preached June 11th
“The Power of Small”

GETTING STARTED

1. What major point from the sermon stood out to you as particularly helpful? Why?
2. What’s one thing from last Sunday’s sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

DIRECTOR’S CUT

“The Power of Thinking Small”

Small things are powerful. Marathons are finished with small steps. Retirement accounts are filled with small deposits. A healthy lifestyle is achieved by making small decisions over many years. It can be hard to think small. Thinking small is not glamorous. Thinking small is not popular. It does not go with the stream of words we love to hear like, “quick,” “easy” or “instant.” Small things take time and patience.

When Jesus wanted to start a world movement, he dared to think small. Jesus had a vision to reach the world. So, what did he do? He started with a small group of men. They were not the smartest, nor the most loyal, but they were the men that Jesus would use to launch a global movement. Jesus invested three years with these men. He ate with them, walked with them, taught them, and he sent them to do ministry. In fact, Jesus would often leave the multitudes of people behind to be alone with his disciples. Now that’s a big vision! Because Jesus had a big vision, he dared to think small.

When God wants to do big things, he often begins with small things. Consider the words Jesus used to describe heaven, “He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”(Matthew 13:31-32)

Do you have the courage to think small? God wants to do something big in your life, and to get there it will take the power of small.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why do you think Jesus used this parable to describe heaven?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose to invest in a small group of men? Do you think there are times when you underestimate the power of small?
3. What are big things that take time to develop? Do these “big things” happen as the result of small choices?
4. What can you do to invest, in a small way, in the lives of others? What could happen if you invested 1 hour a month in the lives of children?