#### **Message Outline**

Baseball and the Bible: The Seeds

Luke 13:18-19



Intro: Biblical lessons from baseball...

- "In the big-inning" (Gen.1:1), "Keep your eye on the ball" (Mt.6:33), playing in dirt (Jn.8)...a sport of spitting (Mk.7, 8)...
- Today...seeds in baseball...
- Notable seeds in Scripture...
  - a) Resurrection bodies and seeds (1Cor.15).
  - b) Parable of seeds and soils (Mt.13).
  - c) Seed-like faith (Lk 17:6).

**Read:** Luke 13:18-19



\*Why do you think Jesus used a seed to help us better understand God's Kingdom?

### 1) S\_\_\_\_\_

- Starts small (1.0mm), grows large (10-12ft.)!
- Growth of Christianity (cf. Lk.2, Acts 2:41, 4:4, 28:30-31, etc.)...

#### 2) S\_\_\_\_\_

- The process of kingdom maturation seen thru actions (verbs) Jesus uses in v.19...
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
  - d)

## 3) S\_\_\_\_\_

- Seed sprouts branches and serves birds...existing for others.
- Jesus talking about Kingdom spread few verses later (13:23, 29)...
- A life of replication...seeds produce more seeds.

# <u>Luke 13:18-19</u> <u>NIV</u>

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? <sup>19</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches."

