

# It's All about God's Kingdom

Week #3: Growing God's Kingdom – Youth/Adult Packet

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Welcome to Calvary's first ever VBS TO GO Program. We hope you find this to be an enjoyable family experience. Each week from July 13th through August 17th we will be providing a packet for children, youth and adults. These activity packets will go hand in hand with our weekly sermons. Each week we will provide you with a new scripture and activities. Here at Calvary we are working to provide ways to CONNECT, LEARN, and SERVE, and this year's VBS is touching all of these areas.

**G- Go & connect with the Word!** Go find a quiet place. Breathe in slowly through your nose and out through your mouth counting to 10. Do this 5x as you release your thoughts. Now read and reflect on Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. Become familiar with the parables. What small positive characteristics do you want to grow in your life? What treasure(s) do you value? Ask God what you need to learn from this scripture. Read it again.

**R- Remember the Word!** Write down this memory verse and put it somewhere you will be reminded to read it a few times each day. *"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 of your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch on its branches."* Matthew 13:31-32 NIV

**O- Observe time to BE STILL!** Take some time alone to color and journal, listen to soft inspirational music and then answer the journaling questions on the back of the coloring page.

**W-Walking A.C.T.S. Prayer!** Find time to do the Walking A.C.T.S Prayer for 15 minutes inside or outside. For the first 3 minutes center yourself by slowly repeating Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." Next spend 3 minutes on each of the following:

- **A**doration – Tell God how wonderful He is. Worship and praise Him. (Exercise: Raise and lower your hands/arms as you feel comfortable with)
- **C**onfession – Admit your sins, cry out your brokenness, share the places you have fallen short and ask for forgiveness (Exercise: Shake your hands/arms, shrug and roll your shoulders to release your burdens as you feel comfortable with)
- **T**hanksgiving – Say 'Thank You' for all God has done in your life. (Learn to sign: Repeat the sign for thank you - extend your fingers and thumb. Touch your fingers to your chin and bring your fingers forward. It is almost like you are blowing a kiss out, to thank the person – but the sign is a bit lower.)
- **S**upplication – Make your requests to God for others and for yourself. Ask God to please help. (Learn to sign: Repeat the sign for please- take you hand with fingers extended and all together, and thumb extended and sticking out. Take the hand with palm facing in and rub it in a circle on your chest.)

**We welcome you to join us at home for our online Sunday service at 9am through Calvary –MtAiry Facebook page or our website at [calvary-mtairy.org/teaching](http://calvary-mtairy.org/teaching) Also, please register with us on our webpage at [calvary-mtairy.org/VBS](http://calvary-mtairy.org/VBS) so we can keep you up to date with any changes or VBS related information**



# *Journaling.....*

Why do you think the man would bury and walk away from the treasure he found instead of taking it with him? Is there a treasure in your life that you are burying or walking away from?

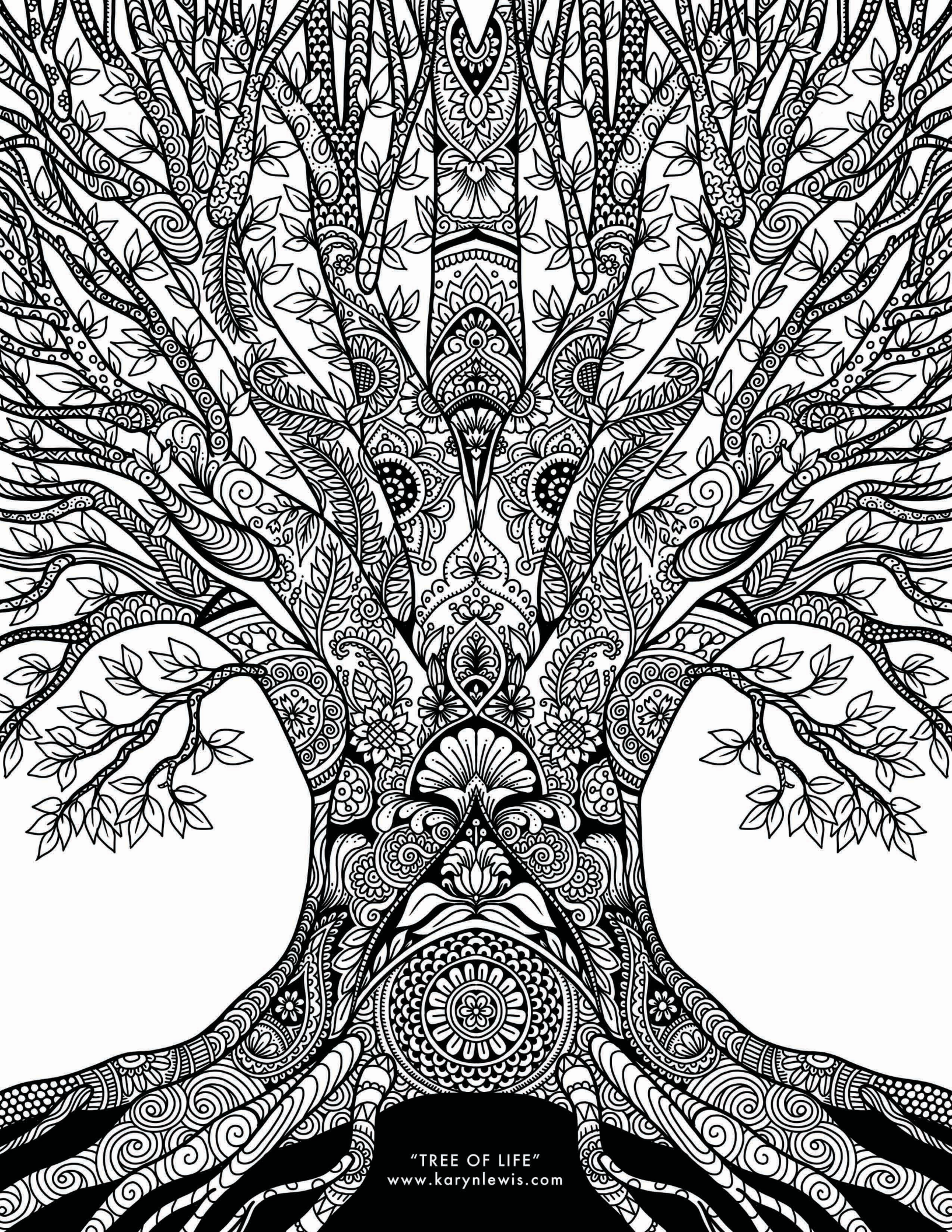
In your own spiritual journey when have you seen something very small become something quite important to you? This could be an event, a passage in Scripture, a relationship or something else that comes to mind. See what occurs to you and spend some time remembering it.

In your own journey, when have you seen something very small become big and important to you? (this may have been an event, a passage in a scripture, a relationship, or something else that comes to mind) See what occurs to you. Spend time remembering it and writing it down.

As you think about the birds that perched in the large mustard seed tree, what people in your life have found a safe place to perch in your presence?

*These parables teach me.....*





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