

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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As our Gospel returns us to “ordinary time” we now hear how Jesus taught with parables. Parables take ordinary metaphors or similes and twists the metaphor slightly to cause the listener to be confused or challenged to think more deeply.

So, as Jesus prepares to teach them about the Kingdom of God, he causes them to think more deeply. And we have the Mustard seed, how is it that the smallest seed becomes the largest bush. This teaching is to bring the disciples to imagine the small community that they are will become the Kingdom of God, the source of the Reign of God: when the power of total goodness overpowers all evil. Can we imagine a time when God will reign, when all creation and humanity will be GOOD? For that is what God “imagined” in creating us and our earthly creation. The God of all goodness created us out of God’s Self; simple and deep GOODNESS. Can you imagine a world like that? Just think again of John Lennon’s Song, “Imagine”.