## Parable of the Mustard and Leaven

What are some things the disciples believed would happen when the kingdom came?
What is the kingdom made of?
Is leaven good or evil?
How large was the kingdom when it began?
How large will the kingdom be at the end of the age?
Matthew 16:18
<sup>18</sup> "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this I will
My church; and the gates of Hades will
it.
In what way are you involved in the church?

## This Week's Prayer

Father, thank you for the church. Thank you for believers all over the world that represent your kingdom. Holy Spirit, work in and through each of us so that we influence the world around us for God's kingdom.

Jesus, thank you for being the head of the church. We don't have to figure out what to do because you already know. Help us to seek you and be obedient to your guidance as the church.

Father, forgive us for not loving other believers as we should. Teach us how to participate in your kingdom.

## This Week's Verse 1 Peter 3:15 (NASB)

15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;