



## Discussion Questions

1. When you look at something broken in your life or in the world, what tends to happen first in you: motivation to act, overwhelm, avoidance, cynicism, something else? Why?
2. Josh described the fear beneath our inaction as, “Maybe what I have to offer is simply too small to matter.” Where do you feel that most strongly right now?
3. Jesus compares the kingdom to a mustard seed—something almost absurdly small compared with what it eventually becomes. What does that tell you about how God evaluates “significant” action?
4. The mustard seed begins small; the yeast works hidden. Which is harder for you personally: trusting God with a small beginning or trusting God when you cannot see any progress?
5. Think about a relationship, family situation, habit, community need, or problem you wish were different. What is the “tree” you wish existed there? What makes the distance between where things are and where you want them to be feel overwhelming?
6. We often hesitate to act unless we can see how our action will produce the outcome we want. Why do you think we feel responsible for outcomes that may actually be outside our control?
7. The sermon says, “Jesus does not ask us to produce the entire outcome. He asks us to be faithful with what is in our hands.” What is actually “in your hands” right now that you may have been dismissing as too small?
8. Have you ever taken a small step—an apology, invitation, prayer, gift, conversation, act of service—that seemed insignificant at the time but eventually mattered more than you expected? What happened?
9. The filters are deliberately tangible: one filter does not solve the clean-water crisis, but it can materially change life for one family. Where might your desire to solve the whole problem be keeping you from helping one person?
10. What is one specific “mustard seed” action you can take this week—something small enough that you can actually do it, but meaningful enough that it requires faithfulness?