

small things

Part 1: Starting Small

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Definitions

small *adj.* of limited size; of comparatively restricted dimensions; not big; little – of no great size or importance

thing *noun* some entity, object, or creature that is not or cannot be specifically designated or precisely described

**Small things, done over a long period of time,
create the greatest impact.**

The world's question: What's the next big thing?

Jesus' question: What's your next small thing?

Humanity wants to “go big,” but God keeps going small.

The King of the Universe becomes a small baby.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. – Matthew 1:21

The God of Heaven speaks in a still small voice.

And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. – 1 Kings 19:11-12 (NKJV)

Jesus said if we have faith the size of a mustard seed...

“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” – Matthew 17:20

Jesus said if we want to be great in His kingdom, take a small role.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” – Mark 9:35

Jesus said if we have faith like a small child, we will inherit His kingdom.

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. – Matthew 18:3

Jesus said if we are faithful in small things, we will be entrusted with big things.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”

– Luke 16:10

God said start small.

“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel’s hand.” – Zechariah 4:10 (NLT)

The Spoken Objection: *“I tried it, and it didn’t work.”*

In whose strength did you start small?

What was your true motivation to start small?

Who picked the small thing?

**Today we are going to start small and
simply listen to the still, small voice.**

Next Steps

If you’ve heard the still, small voice of God prompting you to get connected in community, here are two options this week to engage with a small group of people you can learn, grow and share life with for a season:

1. **Alpha** is a practical introduction to Christianity where you’ll gather weekly with the same group of 6-8 people for dinner, video, and discussion. Alpha starts this Monday at 6:00 PM, and all the details are on today’s program insert. Register today at the Connection Point in the Commons.
2. **Small Group Launch** is this Tuesday from 6:30–8:00 PM at CTK. Come enjoy dinner and meet leaders of a bunch of new home small groups that will be starting soon. We’ll do our best to connect you with a group that fits your life. See details on today’s program insert and sign up today at the Connection Point.

Small Group Questions

1. What do you hope is the next big thing in technology, health, science, or some other area? Grant votes for driverless cars!
2. Is there a small decision or step you made in your life that had a big impact?
3. Why do you believe God continues to call his children to think small?
4. When we took the time to listen, what did the still, small voice of God tell you to do and be?
5. How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?