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Liturgical Date: Year A, Pentecost 9, 30th July 2023

Presenter **Rev Leon Kruger**

Focus Reading Matthew 13:31-34

Message 6 minutes 55 seconds

“Tiny Things with Great Impact”

Discussion Starters

- 1** What did you find the most significant idea in this message?
- 2** What influence or impact has someone else had on you and your faith?
- 3** However small, what can you do to impact your congregation?
- 4** However small, what can your congregation do to impact your community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Genesis 29:15-28 Deception is the order of the day as Jacob, who covenants with and works for Laban for 7 years as the bride price for Rachel, Laban’s 2nd daughter, is given the first daughter, Leah, as his bride. It is a betrayal of the covenant between Jacob and Laban.

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b This festal psalm calls the people to offer their praises to God because of who God is and particularly what God has done as part of the covenant between God and the people.

Matthew 13:31-34 The parable is one of 5 whose imagery connects metaphorically the old and new covenants, and reframes the picture of the Kingdom of heaven.

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All Age Message: Rev Leon Kruger

“We Grow and Change”

Length 3 minutes 40 seconds

Precis of AAM

Using the growing of some beans as an example of change that happens, we can apply how we change in our lives all the time. We change because we are living things that need water, food and air. To grow in faith, we need to have God in our lives and stay close to him and the Holy Spirit, ‘the bread of life’ within us and our faith will grow.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 105:1-11, 45b pages 325-326.

Rev Leon Kruger

As you might pick from my accent, I am originally from South Africa. We moved to Australia in 2011 and spent the first 2 years in Albany, WA, before moving to Sydney. Married for 31 years and have 3 adult children and 1 grandson. I used to minister in a parish ministry from 1995-2017, and then became a Chaplain in 2018. I love sport, the outdoors, and a good BBQ. I collect diecast airplanes. My passion in ministry is to share the compassion of Jesus with vulnerable people.