CHESTER ROAD Baptist Church

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Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	01-11-2026		Parable of the Spice
Nibbles *whilst you wait*	☐ What are you like with spice? ☐ A small pinch of spice can transform a bland dish.		
Starters *discussion*	☐ When can small gestures have big impact? Give examples. ☐ Is it acceptable for preachers to exaggerate to make their point? Why does *Jesus* use hyperbole to make His point? Check out these examples when Jesus used nano-scale (tiniest) and macroscale (biggest) scale: Matthew 7:3-5, Matthew10:30, Matthew 13:33, Mattew 17:20, Matthew 19:24. ☐ Is it possible to pool our faith, whether it's *big faith*, *some* faith, *little* faith, or *no* faith? What could happen if we did this?		
Read	**Matthew 13:31-32**	Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
Mains Bible study	☐ v.31: Why plant a (one) mustard seed in a whole field? How is this this like Heaven? What does this say about our faith and endeavours for God? ☐ v.32: What is Jesus telling us about God's Kingdom? What doe the 'tree' provide? For who? Read Ezekiel 17:23. Why not just for *some* birds? And all this comes about because one person, by faith, did what? What happens when *we* do the same? What happens when we don't?		
Sides *for interest*	☐ v.32: Does it matter that the mustard seed is not the smallest of all seeds? (Poppy seeds are smaller.) Does it matter that a mustard tree is not the tallest of trees? (it only grows to a max 8-12 feet) What do these statements suggest about the purpose and integrity of Scripture? ☐ *"We must read the Bible seriously, that does not mean it must always be read literally."* Discuss.		
Desserts *for reflection*	☐ Which verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? ☐ Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? ☐ How are you 'sowing' into God's Kingdom? What difference, by faith, are you making?		
Do	☐ Make a curry. Experience the difference a small amount of spice makes to your dish. Invite others to share your curry.		

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Pray	
 My questions:	

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