



KINGDOM COME

SEEK | UNDERSTAND | LIVE | PURSUE | EXPECT

Introducing The Kingdom | Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15

1. Prior to hearing Chris' message on Sunday, how would you have answered the question Chris asked, "What was Jesus' primary message?" What are the reasons for your response?
2. What is the central message that Jesus is proclaiming in Mark 1:15 and Matthew 4:17? How would you summarize the concept of the Kingdom of God based on these verses?
3. In both verses, Jesus mentions repentance. What does repentance mean in the context of the Kingdom of God? Why is repentance an essential response to the message of the Kingdom?
4. Jesus mentions that the Kingdom of God is "at hand" or "near." What does this imply about the timing of the Kingdom? How does the nearness of the Kingdom impact the way we live our lives today? Discuss the 'now and not yet' reality of God's Kingdom.
5. Compare the wording of Mark 1:15 and Matthew 4:17. Are there any differences in how the message is presented in these two Gospels? How do Luke and John differ in their interpretation of Jesus' understanding of the Kingdom? How might the differences in wording/understanding provide unique insights or perspectives on the Kingdom of God?
6. Do you have a favourite parable where Jesus says, "The Kingdom is like..."? How does this parable underscore or confuse the discussions you've been having?
7. What kind of lifestyle does Jesus call people to as citizens of the Kingdom? How does living in the Kingdom of God differ from living according to the values of the world? Can you think of practical examples of how you've seen people living differently in specific circumstances? Shares stories where you can.
8. How does Jesus' model prayer, The Lord's Prayer, help us to think about God's Kingdom in God's plan for humanity today?
9. Spend some time praying together for "God's Kingdom to come, and his will in heaven to be done here on earth" with regard to the challenges you might be facing this week.
10. Does your group have specific questions which they would like answered about "God's Kingdom"...? Ask your small group leader to email Chris with them. You never know, they might then get a response during our new teaching series!



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

