

Mark 1:14-20 (ESV)

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

1. Our theme verse for this year is Mark 1:15. Read this verse in a few different translations. Jesus instructs to repent and believe the good news. In your own words, what is that good news?
2. What led Jesus to relocate back to Galilee? Why is that significant?
3. How was the kingdom that Jesus proclaimed different than the kingdom people expected?

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4. Who were Jesus first disciples? How did he call them?

5. To follow Jesus, the fishermen have to cut loose from other ties and trust Jesus and his message. Why is it often so difficult for us to do likewise today?

6. What have you given up since you responded to Jesus' call to "follow me"?

7. Who are you inviting to follow Jesus as you follow Him? Who is God intentionally putting in your path to lead to Jesus?