

6-WEEK STUDY ON JESUS THE KING

WEEK 2

**“The King and
His Kingdom”**

Mark 1:14-15

WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Mark 1:14-15

Secondary texts from this week: Genesis Chapters 1-3

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To identify where we have raised an insurrection against The King in our lives

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: What is your favorite place to visit and why? When was the last time you were there?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In Mark 1:14, the author records that John was put in prison, but he doesn't tell us why. Go to Mark 6:17-20 for the rest of John's story. Have someone in the group read the text. Why was John arrested? Why do you think Mark waited to tell us why John was arrested until chapter 6 when he references it in chapter 1?
2. Have someone in the group read Genesis 2:15-17 and Genesis 3:1-7. Compare the two texts. What does Eve add to what God originally said? What lies does the serpent tell Eve? What are the consequences for Adam and Eve's sin?
3. Do you agree with Pastor Parkher's statement that "we are all insurrectionists"? Do you think that humanity chooses to go against God? Or do we naturally follow what He says is good and evil? Explain.
4. In the last year, how have you seen the kingdom of God at work in the world? In what ways is it hard to believe "the good news"?
5. What kind of revolution have you been waiting for?
6. If everything that Jesus said and did after His statement that "the kingdom of God has come near" is a reflection of what that means, how would you describe the kingdom of God?
7. What is one practical way to bring a part of your life that you know is outside God's kingdom into His kingdom this week? What is one practical way you could expand His kingdom into the world around you this week?

PRAY

Pray for each other: Pray that the people in your group would know the kingdom of God is near.

Pray for yourself: Ask the Lord to help you experience the wonder of life in Jesus's kingdom.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

ACTION STEPS

Action Step: It can be hard to know good from evil. The world is full of things that look good but are evil and look evil but might actually be good! As members of God's kingdom, we know good from evil by looking at what Jesus did and said in the Bible. This week, read Matthew, chapters 5-7, the longest collection of Jesus' teaching in the Bible. Identify scripture in the chapters that you will memorize so you can recall them when you are trying to identify good and evil.

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