

Sermon Notes

Series: Mark - On Mission With Jesus

— SESSION 3 —

THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND

We are slowly walking through the book of Mark with the sincere hope that we will continue the mission and ministry of Jesus in our world today. The Gospel of Mark gives us a window into the life and teachings of Jesus which will strengthen and sustain us as we seek to obey the Lord in all that we say and do. Today, we are studying a passage where Jesus invited four men to be His first disciples. Through this text, we can learn more about the invitation of discipleship and how that specifically applies to our lives today.

Mark 1:14-20 – *Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him.*

JOHN’S MINISTRY ENDED (verse 14)

JESUS’ MINISTRY BEGAN (verse 14-15)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Would you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus? Why or why not?
2. What struggles do you have that keep you from a more fully surrendered life in following Jesus Christ?
3. If someone else evaluated your Christian life, what would they say about your commitment to following Christ?
4. What is your next step to becoming a fully devoted disciple of Jesus?