

Reflection Questions: How has the kingdom of God impacted my life? What areas of my life still need to be repented of? What in my life prevents me from following Jesus fully? How does my belief in Jesus change my life today? How am I currently *fishing* for men?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Our task ... is to live our personal communion with Christ with such intensity as to make it contagious.

Paul Tournier

The kingdom of God in its essence is the reign of God, the personal relationship between the sovereign God and the individual. Thus there is no point in asking whether the kingdom is present or future, just as there is no point in asking whether the fatherhood of God is present or future. It is both.

Bruce Metzger

Belief is all that is necessary to become a Christian, but it must be a belief that changes the life.

R. Kent Hughes

Jesus was a preacher who did wonderful miracles, not a miracle worker who sometimes preached.

David Guzik

No one can hear the gospel and walk away indifferent. When someone receives the gospel, it is the greatest moment of his life. But if he rejects the gospel, he brings the greatest judgment on himself.

R.C. Sproul

Repentance does not refer to changing the characteristics or the actions of the person but the total direction of life.

Eduard Schweizer



An Important Call

Sermon
Notes

January 30, 2022

1. Jesus' Method

2. Jesus' Message

A. The Kingdom

B. Repentance

C. Belief

3. Jesus' Calling

A. Simon and Andrew

B. James and John

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

Matthew 20:21 —

Luke 19:11-15 —

2. Why does Mark start with John the Baptist being *taken into custody* (*Mark 1:14*)?

7. How is God's kingdom explained in the Old Testament?

Exodus 15:18 —

Isaiah 43:15 —

3. Is preaching still God's method of sharing the gospel? Explain using Scripture.

Psalms 29:10 —

Zechariah 14:9 —

4. According to *Matthew 4:12-17* why did Jesus move His ministry to Galilee?

Psalms 103:19 —

5. What is the *gospel of God* (*Mark 1:14*) according to the following verses?

John 3:16 — *Galatians 4:4-5* —

8. Explain what the *kingdom of God* is.

Romans 8:3, 32 — *Ephesians 2:8-10* —

9. The concept of fishing for men appears several times in the Old Testament, yet always in the context of judgment (*Jeremiah 16:14-16; Ezekiel 29:4-5; 38:4; 47:10; Amos 4:2; Habakkuk 1:14-17*). How does Jesus reverse this image (*Mark 1:17*)?

2 Corinthians 5:20 — *Titus 3:4-7* —

10. When Jesus said, *Follow Me* (*Mark 1:17*), what was expected? What was to be left?

6. Is the *kingdom of God* here or future? What do the following verses say? Explain.

Matthew 4:14-17 — *Mark 9:1* —

Why is it significant that Simon, Andrew, James, and John all *immediately left* (*Mark 1:18, 20*)?

Matthew 8:11 — *Mark 14:25* —

11. What is included in following Jesus?

Mark 8:34 —

1 Peter 2:21 —

Matthew 12:28 —

Luke 11:20 —

1 Corinthians 11:1 —

1 John 2:6 —