

Who Do You Say I Am? – Mark Scenes 3&4

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Mark 1:14-20

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

We have to fight our familiarity with this story so we aren't robbed of its power

We tend to take for granted those things that have always been in our lives.

*Did you grow up in a Christian home?

*If so what have been the benefits and downsides of that?

*If not, what was it like to hear these things for the first time?

Read and discuss Mark 1:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

*What is this passage saying to you?

*What are some of the regular connotations, meanings and assumptions of the words: kingdom, repent, believe, good news, evangelism

*What fresh takes on these concepts do you have after hearing the sermon and/or reading the companion book section?

This kingdom of God is near and not yet

*In what ways does the kingdom seem near in our world? What about not yet?

*What are the implications of this ‘both/and’ kingdom for us as we participate in God’s work in the world?

Read and discuss Mark 1:16-20 (NIV)

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

*What is this passage saying to you?

*What do you think was the significance of Jesus choosing his students rather than the more common practice of the student choosing a teacher?

Mark’s structures his story as if we were one of his followers watching and learning what it means to be a disciple

This meant to form a personal attachment that shaped the entire life of the disciple.

*What do you think being a disciple looks like today?

The kingdom is always looking for a people

We have to acknowledge that Jesus is really disruptive.

*How has he disrupted your life?

*What things are you holding onto so tightly that you resist the disruption Jesus wants to bring?

*How can we keep letting him disrupt us when we started following him long ago?