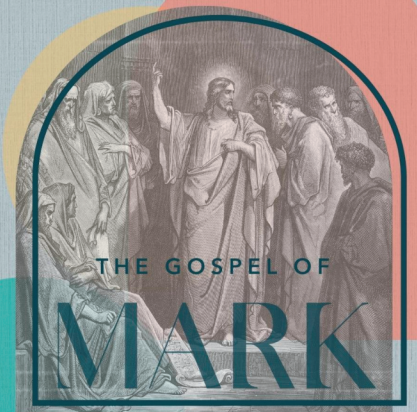


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GOOD NEWS!

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 1:14-20



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching 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."

16 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. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. 19 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. 20 Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him.



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REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?

- What's your ideal location or activity for a summer vacation?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

- 01.** With John's imprisonment, Mark signaled the end of John's public ministry and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Beginning in Galilee, Jesus preached the gospel, and He called on His Jewish hearers to repent and believe His message (v. 14-15).
- What did Jesus mean when he said that "the time is fulfilled"? What was he referring to? Reflect on Gal. 4:4; Heb. 1:2; 9:6-15.

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- What type of kingdom might Jewish hearers have expected was "at hand"? Consider the historical context of Israel during that time. See also Jeremiah 23:5-6; Zechariah 9:9-10.

- How would you describe what it means to repent and believe? How might God be calling you to do one or both things this summer?

02. As He walked along the sea, Jesus called some fishermen to follow him. In response, Jesus would make them "fishers of men". Those fishermen who heard His call immediately left their former lives and followed Jesus. Their names were Simon, Andrew, James, and John (v. 16-20).

- What stands out to you about how the first disciples responded to Jesus call on their lives?



GROW IN THE WORD

- How does their response challenge your own priorities and commitments as you seek to follow Christ? See Matthew 16:24-27; Philippians 3:7-9.
- What do you learn about your purpose as a follower of Christ from this passage? Take note of the metaphor “fishers of men” and consider Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.
- How do you want your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors to change in light of this passage?

UPCOMING EVENTS

ON MISSION: AUGUST 12

Evangelism Training | 9 am - 12 pm

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