**THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR**

Mark 1:14-20

Key Verse 1:15

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

1. Read verse 14. What does John’s imprisonment suggest about the times? Where did Jesus begin his ministry? What is “the good news of God”?
2. Read verse 15. What was Jesus’ message? What did he mean by saying “the time has come”? “The kingdom of God has come near”? What is required for man to receive the good news?
3. Read verses 16-20. What did Jesus do at the beginning of his ministry? Whom did he call? What were they doing at the time? What do Jesus’ words “Come, follow me” mean?
4. Read verse 17 again. What did Jesus promise them? How did he plant a new vision and purpose for their lives? What can we learn about Jesus? About being his disciple?
5. How did the first disciples respond? Why? What can we learn from them?