

On Mission

Mark 1:14-15

A life that matters

_____ the mission of Jesus

We do this as we:

1. _____ the gospel

2. _____ the gospel

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: Share one of your strengths.

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Mark 1:14-15. How is Jesus' message described?

How is the reality that "the Kingdom of God is at hand" good news for us?

In general, do you think the message that followers of Jesus proclaim today is received as "good news" by those who hear it? Why or why not?

- If it's not being received as good news, what (if anything) should we do about that?

Look at Matthew 14:3-5. What might it have felt like for Jesus to proclaim his message after John the Baptist had been put in prison, in the territory of the ruler who had put him there?

On Sunday, Pastor Tim noted that when it comes to the advance of God's Kingdom, there is no neutral territory; for God's Kingdom to come, something else must go. What do you think about this statement? What examples of that come to mind for you?

What response does Jesus call people to in light of his message?

- What do people need to repent of?
- If "believe" here implies some kind of action (not just mental assent), then what might we do to demonstrate our belief in the good news of the Kingdom?

How did Jesus demonstrate that the Kingdom had come? (Hint: look ahead to the rest of Mark 1.)

What kind of response to His Word is God calling you to today?

How can we pray for each other?