

The Kingdom of God | 10.1.17

Mark 1:14-15

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. This week's message started with a discussion of kingdoms in Scripture and the kingdoms of today. In what way are the countries Pastor Jim mentioned like kingdoms, even if we don't call people kings anymore? What makes it a kingdom?
2. In Mark 1:14-15 we see Jesus speak for the first time in the book and he makes a proclamation. What was it? How is it good news?
3. Jesus is stating that God is king and His rule is beginning. Pastor Jim then showed us how this proclamation fits into history by taking us through various places in Scripture where we can see this. Take a moment and go back through those Scriptures and discuss what Pastor Jim said about them, how do they tie back to the proclamation Jesus makes in Mark 1:14-15?
 - A. Exodus 19:4
 - B. Daniel 2
 - C. Revelation 11
4. By looking at those Scriptures we see what God is saying. Our history is made up of kings and kingdoms coming and going and ends with God coming to earth as king, establishing his rule and reign forever. Does this bring you hope today? As you look at your life, your walk with God or the circumstances around you, does this feel like good news? Why or why not?
5. The kingdom of God is drawing near, it is beginning. For those of us that are believers, for whom Jesus Christ is Lord, this might mean that we need to repent and believe again. What did Pastor Jim mean by that? Is this where you are at? Take a moment to listen to each other as people share.
6. The beauty of this verse is that it is not too late. If someone in your group is not a Christian, or knows a non-Christian, it's not too late to call out to Jesus, repent and be saved. If we are believers but need to repent and believe again, to be reminded, to refocus... it's not too late. As you close, take a moment to pray for those that know Jesus as Savior, pray for our leaders and the leaders of this world. Take some time to encourage each other and spur each other on.