

“Your Kingdom Come”
The Kingdom is all about the Good News of Jesus
(Mark 1:1, 14-20, 35-39)

Jesus is the Good News – Mark 1:1

“The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.”

Jesus brings God’s Kingdom close – Mark 1:14-15

“The time has come”

“The kingdom of God has come near”

“Repent and believe the good news”

Jesus calls us to follow him – Mark 1:16-20

“‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.”

Jesus models dependence on the Father – Mark 1:35-39

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

Some things to think about during our prayer & fasting week

During this series, we're encouraging our church to read the whole of Mark's Gospel, so as well as reflecting on Sunday's message, you can read around it to get the flow of the book.

This week, why not read Mark 1:1-39 before next Sunday.

Jesus is the Good News (Mark 1:1)

- What good news are you holding out for right now?
- In what ways is Jesus the best news we could hope for?
- At the start of this new year, is this an opportunity to refocus on Jesus as our greatest hope?

Jesus brings God's Kingdom Close (Mark 1:14-15)

- What sort of kingdom does Jesus bring?
- How does this contrast with the type of kingdom we often hope for?
- Do you need to repent and believe, for the first time, or repent from a particular sin that's taken root?
- During our prayer week and beyond, how might you pray 'Your Kingdom Come' and align your desires with God's desires?
- How might you pray 'Your Kingdom Come' so that God can shape our church in His way?

Jesus' call to follow him (Mark 1:16-20)

The disciples dropped their nets and followed Jesus when he called them, meaning that he came before family, security, work, and possessions.

- What things have crept into your life that have taken first place?
- How might Jesus be calling you to drop your net and make him number 1 this year?

Jesus models dependence on the Father (Mark 1:35-39)

- Do you find yourself being pulled in different directions and you wonder what your priorities should be?
- How does Jesus' example of regularly taking time to spend with His Father help you to see how important it is to create space to be with Him – praying, fasting, listening to Him through the Bible?
- What challenges do you face in creating time to develop your relationship with your Heavenly Father?
- How might you depend on Him more this year?