



Revelation of the Kingdom and Call to Follow

Mark 1:14–20

Big Idea:

Good news! Like the disciples, we can follow Jesus and be part of his kingdom.

Memory Verse:

“The kingdom of God has come near. Turn away from your sins and believe the good news!” Mark 1:15b



Lesson Overview

After Jesus was baptized, he began to travel and to preach the good news that God was now beginning to establish his kingdom. “The kingdom of God has come near. Turn away from your sins and believe the good news!” (Mark 1:15). Jesus expounded on John’s call to repentance with the joyous news that God’s kingdom is now near. Today’s passage introduces the children to four men who took Jesus’s message to heart and became his first disciples (or students): Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John. They were fishermen by trade. When Jesus encountered them along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he invited them to leave their nets and follow him. They did so immediately! Like the disciples, we too have the opportunity to follow Jesus, repent, learn from him, and become part of his kingdom, sharing the wonderful good news with others.