

Marks of Kingdom Ministry

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, November 11, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme – Jesus ushers in the eternal kingdom as He proclaims, "*The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel.*" He also demonstrates His kingdom authority through calling disciples and casting out demons, which only highlights the message He proclaims and the need for every single one of us to be a part of His kingdom.

I. Message of the Kingdom – Read Mark 1:13-14

- A. What do you think Jesus means when He says, "*The time is fulfilled?*" And what do you think Jesus means when He says, "*the kingdom of God is at hand?*"
- B. How would you define repentance? Are there any passages of scripture that have been helpful for you to understand this idea? How is Isaiah 55:6-7 helpful as you think about repentance?
- C. How is repentance related to the good news of the gospel and saving faith in Jesus Christ?
- D. How would you like to grow in living for the Kingdom of God? How is that related to your need to repent and believe the gospel?

II. Ministry of the Kingdom – Read Mark 1:16-28

- A. How does Jesus calling the four disciples in verses 16-20 highlight His authority?
- B. What do you think Jesus means when He says, "*I will make you become fishers of men?*"
- C. What stands out to you with regard to Jesus casting out the unclean spirit in verses 23-26?
- D. Why do you think the crowd was amazed at the authority of Jesus' teaching? As you think about Jesus teaching with authority and casting out demons, which is more important?

III. Marks of the Kingdom – Application Questions

- A. How do these verses help you better understand who Jesus is and what He came to accomplish?
- B. How does Jesus' authority over unclean demons give you confidence that He indeed is the King of the promised eternal kingdom? How would you like to grow in living for that kingdom?
- C. After reading verse 28, in what ways are you laboring and striving to make Jesus' name and fame spread throughout all the surrounding regions of Connecticut?