## Applying God's Word

This Week's Passage: Matthew 4:17-25

Corresponding Sermon from King's Church: "Following The King"

## Opening Discussion

- I. Read this week's passage together.
- 2. Share *your* immediate observations from this text. Was there anything shared in Sunday's sermon that stuck out to *you*?
- 3. In what ways were you able to see yourself in the sermon and in the text?

## Going Deeper

1. Together, engage in a short systematic study of the kingdom as explained by Matthew. Discuss what this teaches us about the gospel of the kingdom.

A. Jesus proclaiming the kingdom (eg. Matt. 5:3, 9:35, 10:7, 13:31-32, 24:14)

B. Jesus demonstrating the kingdom (eg. 8:14-17, 10:1, 12:28, 15:30-31)

| 2. | Matthew purposefully highlights the disciples' willingness to immediately follow Jesus – ever to the point of leaving the comfort of their lives behind. How can you respond to the call to sacrificially follow Jesus in the same way today? What specifically in your life would you find it hard to give up in order to follow Jesus?   |
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| 3. | An essential element to Jesus' call was his promise to make his disciples fishers of men. This begins with the twelve and remains true for us today. Following Jesus is living evangelistically What does this element of your call as a disciple of Christ mean for your own life? What does it mean for our life as a body (the church)? |
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| l. | Thank God that he keeps his promise to restore his kingdom and that it includes all of us who put our faith in Jesus.  |
| 2. | Ask God to help you follow Jesus with sacrificial living and an evangelistic passion.  |