

## 8-14-22 Facilitator - God's Kingdom at Hand, Mark 1:14-45

1. **Launchers:** When did you last expect a big arrival?
2. **Worship God because "the time has come and the kingdom of God is at hand"**

Praise God for a life of purpose and meaning that comes as we follow our King Jesus.

*The time has come:* God, in Christ, arriving to save (Pink Floyd)

- God's creation and rule over all time = *He rules over all meaning and purpose*
- *Jesus draws a line between repentant and unyielding, believing and unbelief*

<https://open.spotify.com/track/3TO7bbrUKrOSPGRTB5MeCz?si=57db3ca67ad746b2> (there is 2 minute instrumental introduction)

Pink Floyd, *Time*

Ticking away the moments that make up a dull day  
Fritter and waste the hours in an offhand way  
Kicking around on a piece of ground in your hometown  
Waiting for someone or something to show you the way  
Tired of lying in the sunshine, staying home to watch the rain  
You are young and life is long, and there is time to kill today  
And then one day you find ten years have got behind you  
No one told you when to run, you missed the starting gun  
And you run, and you run to catch up with the sun but it's sinking  
Racing around to come up behind you again  
The sun is the same in a relative way but you're older  
Shorter of breath and one day closer to death  
Every year is getting shorter, never seem to find the time  
Plans that either come to naught or half a page of scribbled lines  
Hanging on in quiet desperation is the English way  
The time is gone, the song is over, thought I had something more to say

### 3. **Sermon Reflection: Mark 1:14-45 God's Kingdom At Hand**

#### **A WEDGE IN TIME**

- How do significant events change our sense of meaning?
  - What are 3 significant events that changed the meaning or purpose of your life?
- How is your sense of meaning or purpose *in things that will pass away*?

#### **THE PERSONAL CONNECTION**

- Why does it matter that Jesus did not ever offer any teaching, blessing, or promise without connecting it to Himself?

#### **AND SAVING GRACE**

- Unlike Rome or the Scribes & Pharisees, how does Jesus exercise His power?
- As you conceive of what Jesus offers you, how have you evaluated it? Is it more religious trinkets or as life-saving treasure?
- *How do you wield whatever currency of power you have?*

### 4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer:** YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, for His sheer authority. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that as our Owner, He is entitled to all rights, and with all power to tell us how to live.

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2. How have you lived as if you are an authority unto yourself? Confess your pride and folly to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and work in your heart *that you would grow to love His will and acknowledge Him for who He is – God and King.*

3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He came, not grabbing power, but giving it up and pouring it out upon His people who repent and believe Him. Thank Him for wielding His power in a way that meets our deepest needs.

4. Who do you know that distrusts people in authority? Or who do you know that misuses their authority? *Pray for them, asking Jesus to show them the goodness of His rule and the intimate relationship into which He calls us.*

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you insight into what it means to no longer view “Christianity” as the main thing but following “Christ.” Read Romans 11:36 and pray for wisdom in how to live out of, by, and unto Jesus.

5. **Mission:** Jesus loves love and are perpetually thankful in all circumstances.

- Who has God put in your life that loves you so well that you regularly thank God for them?
- Who has God placed in your life that is difficult to love and loves you so poorly that you regularly forget to thank God for the gift of that person in your life?

### 6. Jesus From Others

Close your time together in letting each person share something they came to love about Jesus from something someone in the group shared during your time together.

- What do you love more about Jesus from what someone shared during our CG tonight?