

## **Series: God's Story: Finding our Place in His Unfolding Plan**

### **Sep 10, 2017: The Message of Jesus: Repent, Believe, Follow**

#### **The Time Has Come (14-15)**

*Over the last 8 months, we have covered the story of God and His people, from Genesis to Nehemiah. What has been God's purpose, all along? How has he pursued this in different times and ways?*

*Mark 1:14-15 – What is the good news that Jesus is preaching? What does He mean by “kingdom?”*

#### **Repent and Believe (15)**

*Mark 1:15 – Jesus provides very simple instructions for joining God's people. What did the words “repent” and “believe” originally mean?*

*How do recovery ministries explain these concepts in “Steps #1-2?” Have you ever taken these steps? Invite God to show you if they apply in your life today.*

#### **Following and Fishing (16-20)**

*Mark 1:16-20 – Repenting and Believing go together, but how are they naturally applied? How does “Step 3” explain this?*

*Why does Jesus say that He will make them “fishers” of men? What might this say about the value of their past professions?*

#### **Your Next Step**

*Take a look at your life. Invite God to speak –  
Has repentance and faith led to a practical following of Jesus?  
Has following Jesus resulted in fruitful sharing with others?*

*Though this is God's will for us, we can't make it happen.  
If something is not quite right, we begin with step 1, and proceed:*

*Is there something I should repent of?  
Is there something that I should believe, instead?  
How can I practically live this out, in following Jesus?*

*Communion – take time to reflect and repent, as God leads. Then, come forward in faith, to celebrate our forgiveness & life in Christ.*

## **Mark 1:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup> Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

<sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. <sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.