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**Welcome To The Kingdom Of God**

Mark 1:16-28

**Key Truth:** The gospel tells us that we no longer have to fear sin, the world, and Satan; they are defeated foes.

**A Citizen Of The Kingdom Of God Is Called To:**

1. Follow Jesus Christ.

 A. Following Jesus is a lifelong journey not one-time

 decision.

2. Forsake the familiar.

3. Further God’s Kingdom Agenda by fulfilling our

 assignment.

**Jesus Displays His Kingdom Authority:**

1. Jesus Christ is teaching with authority and

 demonstrating His Kingdom Anointing.

2. Jesus Christ mere presence causes fear in the rebellious

 demons.

3. Jesus Christ teaching and dominance over the demon

 causes the crowd to question what they just witnessed.

**Lessons We Can Learn:**

1. Following Jesus won’t be what you expected.

2. Following Jesus comes with attacks from Satan but

 strength and power from our Savior.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls**: Don’t be afraid to follow Jesus Christ. Trust Him and submit to His way.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read John 15:1-8: What insights and encouragement do you find as to why following Jesus is possible and not something, we have to accomplish by sheer determination alone?

Read Mark 1:21-28: Why were people astonished at Jesus’ teaching? What was different about His teaching from that of the scribes (v. 22)? What did this demon know about Jesus (v. 24)?

James 2:18-19: Even the rebellious demon acknowledged who Jesus was. However, why isn’t just acknowledging Jesus enough for salvation?

Read Matthew 13:24-30: According to Jesus, what do the field, the sower, the seed, the wheat and the weeds represent?

What does the presence of weeds in the field tell us about life in Christ’s kingdom?

Read Matthew 7:15-23. What is the telling difference between genuine kingdom citizens and those who are only imitators? Is this something that is apparent right away or does it take time?

How do Jesus’ words here speak to the idea that as long as you’re a good person, you’ll go to heaven?

How would you answer someone who asks, “How can I know if I am truly saved?”

What might it look like for you to stop trying to pull weeds and instead be used by God in the planting of wheat? What is one way you might point a nonbelieving friend or family member to Christ this week?