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Growing as authentic followers of Jesus

- 1. In Jesus the Kingdom has come near- repent and believe
Mark 1:14-15**
- 2. To be an authentic follower of Jesus is to align ourselves with
his mission Mark 1:16-17**
- 3. When Jesus calls, followers of Jesus obey immediately and
at once. Mark 1:18-20**

A. Examining the texts.

DISCUSSION STARTER: Name something that has gone viral? How do you think these things start and how do you think they grow?

EXPLORING THE TEXT

1. Read Mark 1:9-13. What happened to Jesus in this section & what did the “voice from heaven,” say about him?
2. Read Mark 1:14-15. What was the message that Jesus came preaching? What do you think he meant by the words- “repent & believe?” What do you think he meant by- “the kingdom of God is near?”
3. Read Mark 1:16-20. After Jesus had preached about the “good news,” what did he say to Andrew and Simon? What did he say to James and John? What do you think he meant by the phrase- “fishers of men?”
4. How did Andrew & Simon, James and John respond to Jesus invitation and what is surprising about it?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT & DO

5. What does Jesus’ preaching reveal to us about the message that Christians are supposed to share?
6. How can we today- “follow Jesus,” given that we can no longer physically do so? How can following Jesus prepare Christians “fish for people?”
7. What does this passage have to do with things going viral and how do you think that Christianity came to have 1 billion followers today given that it started with one person?
8. How do you think that Christians are to participate in the mission of Jesus today?

Challenge: This week pray daily for one of our mission partners- IJM, Mark & Ngoc, our Mission Team and New Hope each day. Journal or think about- what would it look like for me to live as though- the Kingdom of God was near and Jesus was my King? Pray for one friend daily to come to know Christ.

God bless from Marcus