

**Mark 1:14-20 New International Version****Jesus Announces the Good News**

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

**Jesus Calls His First Disciples**

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

**QUESTIONS**

- 1. What has happened to John the Baptist?**
- 2. What then did Jesus do?**
- 3. What was Jesus’ message?**
- 4. Where did Jesus see Simon and his brother Andrew? What were they doing?**
- 5. What did Jesus say to them?**
- 6. How did Simon and Andrew respond to Jesus?**
- 7. Who does Jesus see next? What were they doing?**
- 8. What does Jesus say to them and how did these men respond to Jesus?**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Why does this passage in Mark (also Matthew and Luke) seem to have a different account of Jesus calling his first disciples than the account we read last week in John chapter 1?**
- 2. Mark reports that Andrew, Simon, James and John were all fishermen that just dropped their nets and followed Jesus. They just walked away from their livelihoods, their families, their friends, their communities, their synagogue, and all that they knew to follow Jesus. How and why would they do that? What does the Bible say about that?**
- 3. What does this story tell us about discipleship?**