

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

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Text: Mark 1:1-15

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Mark begins his telling of the gospel by presenting John the Baptist as the fulfillment of prophecy in Isaiah 40:3-5. Mark tells the story of Jesus' baptism and his time of temptation by Satan. Mark records Jesus' first proclamation in the inauguration of his Kingdom as "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

Main Point: The Kingdom of God is at hand

Three encouragements for us about God's Kingdom

1. Think rightly about the arrival of the Kingdom
2. Entrust ourselves to God's Kingdom by submitting ourselves to Jesus as King
3. Participate in the work of building for his Kingdom

Discussion Questions

1. Read Isaiah 64:1, Luke 17:20-21, Philippians 2:9-11, Revelation 11:15. When and where is the Kingdom of God?
2. In Mark 1:12-13, Jesus is tempted by Satan (Also recorded in Matthew Ch 4 and Luke Ch 4). How does this contrast with Adam and Eve's temptation by Satan in Genesis Ch 3? Why is this contrast important?
3. In Mark 1:15, Jesus says "repent and believe in the gospel." What does it mean to repent?
4. What is the danger of viewing God's kingdom as something far off?
5. How do we participate in the building of God's Kingdom?