



January 14th, 2024
The Circle Shape
Mark 1:14-15

Introduction

Greet one another and Pray together before you begin discussion.
Read Mark 1:14-15, Luke 11:28, Matthew 7:24-25, James 1:22.

Discussion

1. Consider John's imprisonment. Note that it directly precedes Jesus' announcement in vs. 15. Can you recall a time when God used something difficult or challenging for your good? What happened?

Examination

2. Define and discuss the following words from Mark 1:14-15; Kingdom, Time (Kairos), Repent, Believe. After the discussion, did any of the terms take on greater meaning for you? Which? Why?

3. Repent and Believe can be synonyms for hearing (repent) and doing (believe). What seems to be the main point of the other verses listed above?

4. What are the three practices of repentance? What are the three practices of belief? Why is it important to consider these practices slowly and intentionally? What role do other believers have in helping us practice these? What role should we avoid when helping others practice them?

Application

5. Examine the Circle shape. Can you reproduce the shape from the passages?

6. How would it affect your discipleship to have a spiritual community who regularly helped you to answer the questions, "God what are you saying to me? What do you want me to do about it?"