

## Small Group Study Guide

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*It's Time*

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### MESSAGE NOTES:

Mark 1:14-20

#### **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.

## STUDY GUIDE:

**STEP ONE:** Read Mark 1:14-20 and pray to open your time together in God's word.

**STEP TWO: (Optional) Icebreaker:** What is your favorite Independence Day tradition that you celebrate?

**STEP THREE:** Discuss Questions

1. What stood out to you the most in this weekend's teaching? What was challenging, encouraging, or confusing to you?
2. In verse 15, Jesus says: The *time* has come. Jesus uses the word "appointed time" rather than "chronological time." What is the significance of this?
3. What does it mean that the Kingdom of God "has come near?" How is one able to see and experience this Kingdom today?
4. Jesus comes announcing and bringing the "good news" (Gospel). A quote that many people like to use is this: "Preach the Gospel. Use words if necessary." In light of Romans 1:16 do you see any danger in that sentiment? Why or why not?
5. In this passage, there appears to be an urgency (verses 18 and 20) about receiving the invitation to follow Jesus and be a part of His Kingdom. If this is true, what is God personally calling you to do about that?
6. Jesus not only invites us to follow Him but also extends an invitation to partner on mission with Him in expanding His Kingdom by "fishing for people" (v. 17). If this is God speaking in this passage, how specifically may God be calling you to invest in and "fish for people?" Is there any one person who may not yet know Jesus who comes to mind?
7. In a study of 95-year-olds, one of the biggest regrets they shared in life was that they didn't invest in as many things that would live on after they die. In light of this passage, how do you intend to live so that doesn't become a regret of yours?
8. In light of the myriad of emotions that many are feeling after the Supreme Court's ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade*, how is God calling you or this group to serve new moms/children/families or women in current, unplanned pregnancies?

**STEP FOUR: Close in Prayer**