

Weekend Message Questions
Week 2: The Announcement of the Kingdom
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CHECK-IN:

If you could invite someone to experience one thing that has made a meaningful difference in your life, what would it be, and why would you want them to experience it?

1. The Call: Come and Follow

Read Matthew 4:18–22.

Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to leave their familiar lives and follow Him. They responded immediately, committing themselves to learning from Jesus and becoming more like Him. Following Jesus is more than casually knowing about Him; it means allowing Him to shape who we are and how we live.

1. What stands out to you about the way these four disciples responded to Jesus' invitation? What do you think made their response so significant?
2. What is the difference between being a casual observer of Jesus and being a committed follower of Jesus? What might that look like in everyday life?
3. Jesus called these disciples to follow Him and learn to fish for people. How does becoming more like Jesus naturally shape the way we interact with and care for others?
4. Is there an area of your life where Jesus may be inviting you to trust Him more deeply or follow Him more fully? What might that look like this week?

2. Announcing the Good News: Words and Actions

Read Matthew 4:23–24.

Jesus announced the Good News of the Kingdom through both His words and His actions. His teaching revealed God's truth, while His healing demonstrated His compassion and power. The miracles were a glimpse of the Kingdom Jesus came to establish, where sin, suffering, and death would not have the final say.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to do more than talk about the Kingdom. Our lives should demonstrate the love, hope, grace, and truth of the King we follow.

1. What do Jesus' words and actions in these verses reveal about the kind of King He is and the Kingdom He brings?
2. The message describes witness as something we become, not simply something we do. What do you think it means for your life to be a witness to Jesus before you ever speak about Him?

3. Consider the way you interact with people at work, at home, or in your community. What might your everyday attitudes and actions communicate about the Kingdom of God?
4. What is the difference between simply talking about the Good News and demonstrating it through the way we live? Where do you see opportunities to do both?

3. Inviting Others: Making Space for the Kingdom

Read Matthew 4:25.

Large crowds followed Jesus because people were drawn to what He was teaching and doing. People need the hope, purpose, and restoration that only Jesus can ultimately provide, even when they do not yet recognize that need.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to invite others to follow Him. That doesn't mean pressuring people, having every answer, or convincing them to believe. It means sharing our stories, building genuine relationships, and creating space for people to encounter Jesus.

1. What might draw someone who doesn't know Jesus toward Him? How can we help people experience His love and truth through our relationships?
2. The message reminds us that our role is to invite people to Jesus, not to control their response. Why can this be freeing when we think about sharing our faith?
3. What fears or obstacles sometimes keep Christians from inviting others to follow Jesus? Have you experienced any of these yourself?
4. Who in your life might be at a place where they are becoming curious about faith or open to a spiritual conversation? What is one natural way you could take a step toward them without pressure or an agenda?

4. Personal Reflection: Is My Life Announcing the Kingdom?

The announcement that the Kingdom of Heaven is near is not just a message we share once; it is a reality we are called to reflect daily. Before we can invite others to follow Jesus, we must continually follow Him ourselves. As we grow to become more like Jesus, our lives can create opportunities for others to see His goodness and become curious about Him.

- Come and follow: What is one practical step you can take this week to grow in your own relationship with Jesus?
- Invite others: Who is one person you can intentionally invest in, encourage, or invite to take a next step toward Jesus?
- Announce the Kingdom: What might your life currently communicate about Jesus to the people around you? Is there anything you would like to change?
- Take a step: What is one specific action you will commit to this week to help someone experience the love and hope of Jesus?

Group Prayer

- Ask God to help each person in the group grow in their commitment to follow Jesus and become more like Him.
- Pray for courage, wisdom, and discernment to recognize opportunities to share faith naturally and lovingly.
- Pray for the people you identified during the discussion, asking God to help them grow in trust, curiosity, and openness to Him.
- Ask God to make Hope Fellowship a church that invites everyone to follow Jesus, demonstrating the Good News through both words and actions.

Close by praying: “Jesus, help us follow You wholeheartedly and live in a way that reflects Your Kingdom. Give us eyes to see the people around us, wisdom to meet them where they are, and courage to invite them to know You. May our words and actions announce Your hope, love, and truth. Amen.”

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