

The Kingdom of God Is Near

Tony Murrow, October 17, 2021 *Small Group Discussion Questions*

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say? Take some time to look up and read: Mark 1:14-19

- 1. What gospel does Jesus preach in Mark 1?
- 2. What does it mean "to fish for men"?

Take some time to look up and read: 1 John 1:8-9

3. What does this verse teach us about sin?

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Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 4. Was there a moment when you realized there is a difference between **knowing** things about God and **experiencing** God? Tell that story. If you haven't experienced the difference, why do you think that is?
- 5. What has God personally taught you? How did he do it?
- 6. What are the potential dangers of unconfessed sin in our lives? If you have not faced your sin in a while, and you're not experiencing God anymore, those things can be connected? What role do we play in the life of another believer who is ready to confess sin or any other difficult thing?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
 - ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **

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