

JESUS THE DISCIPLE MAKER

Mark 1:14-17 KJV

14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**

15 And saying, **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

Introduction: Pay attention to the inauguration process that Jesus experienced.

- Water Baptism- Prophetic fulfillment
- Holy Spirits presence after Baptism
- God Affirms Him As His Son
- Jesus is led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tested.

The Discipleship Message: The Kingdom of God - **Mark vs.14**

The Kingdom of God has a distinct meaning than the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of God is an internal and universal present reality birthed into the hearts of believers. The Kingdom of Heaven speaks to more of a futuristic theocratic and millennial reign of Christ

on earth. It is the subset or the specific visible Kingdom. However both despite their distinctions, speaks to God's authority, righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost according to **Romans 14:17**.

The Discipleship Mandate: vs.15

1. The Fulfillment of Time: Time promised by God has come. This is not **Chronos** (seconds, minutes, hours) but this is **Kairos** which speaks to the right opportunity, right moment. Its speaks to the timing of a specific event.

2. The Kingdom of God is at Hand: Kingdom of God is near or within reach.

3. Repentance is Required: Turn and go another way

4. Believe The Gospel: The Word of God from Jesus, the Word of God.

The Discipleship Ministry of Jesus is Birthed: vs.16-17

- Followers of Jesus, don't get to pick and choose, because they have been picked and chosen. Called to be exactly what he chose them to become.
- Disciples are students of the teachings of the master teacher, Jesus Christ himself. That which he teaches, we are called to teach other's the same.
- Following Jesus does not mean to just come after him, but it means to become as Him.

- Discipleship is not just a form of mentorship, but it is a mandate that is never to be compromised; nor should it be something that as believers we see as an option.
- There are no alternatives nor alterations that we can make as a Christian that will take place of our responsibility to be faithful disciples to this mandate.
- Every person who profess to be a Christian must see themselves as disciples. All Christians are given the mandate to not just lead people to Christ, but to train them to become disciples of Christ.
- Discipleship is designed to disrupt our comfort, transform our thinking, and change our hearts to be in alignment with his character.

The Discipleship Marking: This speaks to the pattern of a thing.

Jesus had a reason as to why He chose those that He called, they were marked by Him and for Him. He knew what their ultimate assignments would be as it related to the advancing of the Kingdom of God. The disciples became apostles after they were taught the principles of discipleship. They were men chosen to follow. Jesus, it was his choice to choose them and their choice to follow. They did not determine the agenda nor the course to follow. They had to understand the power of submission, the principles of instruction and the passion of obedience. Everything that they experienced while walking with Jesus, was training them how to function in the office

that they were being called into. Preparation always exceeds elevation.