

Bible Study #4

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Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Teaching Points:

1. God keeps a perfect timetable.
2. The kingdom of God has come and is coming.

Practical Applications:

1. The Lord calls ordinary people like you and me.
2. Let's be intelligent fishermen!

Questions From The Text:

1. Name the four fishermen who Jesus called to follow Him.

Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John

2. Explain the differing views of time - the world view and the biblical view.

The world view is endless or cyclic. The biblical view is that God created time; it has definite goals, and along the way there are special and specific times.

3. In light of our chaotic world, can we depend on God's time-table?

The world seems chaotic and out of control, but God has a perfect time-table. In this passage, we see two events in His time-table - the coming of the King and the announcement that the kingdom of God is at hand.

4. Has the kingdom of God come? Is the kingdom of God yet to come? Explain.

Yes, the kingdom of God has come in spiritual form. All who have received Christ as Savior have entered the kingdom of God. Christ is our King, and God rules in our hearts and lives. Yes, the kingdom of God is yet to come in visible form.

5. As believers, are we called to be fishers of men?

Yes, Jesus said, *"I will make you fishers of men."* We do not make ourselves to be fishers of men, but Jesus said that He would make us fishers of men.

Further Discussion:

1. Think of three unsaved people in "your" world (work, neighborhood, school...). Pray for them consistently and pray for an opportunity to speak to them about Christ.
2. Select tracts or literature that would be appropriate to share with them.

Memorize:

- "Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men. They immediately left their nets and followed Him.'" (Mark 1:17-18)