

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Mark 1:14-20

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ **DAY 1**

Read Mark 1:14-20

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 14** Now after John had been taken into custody,  
Jesus came into Galilee,  
    preaching the gospel of God,  
**15**    and saying,  
        “The time is fulfilled,  
        and the kingdom of God is at hand;  
        repent and believe in the gospel.”  
**16** As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee,  
    He saw Simon and Andrew,  
        the brother of Simon,  
        casting a net in the sea;  
        for they were fishermen.  
**17** And Jesus said to them,  
    “Follow Me,  
    and I will make you become fishers of men.”  
**18** Immediately they left their nets  
    and followed Him.  
**19** Going on a little farther,  
    He saw James the son of Zebedee,  
    and John his brother,  
        who were also in the boat mending the nets.  
**20** Immediately He called them;  
    and they left their father Zebedee  
        in the boat with the hired servants,  
    and went away to follow Him.

1. What’s the immediate context of v. 14? What happened in v. 9-13?

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2. Read Acts 1:21-22 and Acts 10:36-38. What do these passages tell us about this week's Mark 1 passage? Where does this passage fall in the chronology of Jesus' ministry?
3. What did Jesus do upon hearing of John being taken into custody?
4. What did Jesus preach as he came into Galilee?
5. What is Jesus referencing when he says "the time is fulfilled?" (see Gal 4:4 / Eph 1:10)
6. What is the appropriate response to the fact that kingdom of God is at hand?
7. How are we, followers of Jesus, to reflect this same message to people today?

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8. How do people (including us at times) change and soften Jesus' message?

❖ **DAY 2**

Read Mark 1:14-20 again.

9. Where was Jesus walking in v. 16?
10. Who did he see along the sea in v. 16?
11. What were the men doing? What was their profession?
12. What is Jesus's call to Simon and Andrew?
13. What is involved in Jesus's command to follow him? What is he calling them to?

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14. How will Simon and Andrew become “fishers of men?” What does that mean?

15. What was the men’s response to Jesus’s call?

16. Why do you suppose Mark highlights the fact that Simon and Andrew “immediately” left their nets?

❖ **DAY 3**

Read Mark 1:14-20 again.

17. Who did Jesus see in v. 19?

18. What was their profession?

19. What word does Mark use to describe the way Jesus called James and John?

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20. Who did James and John leave behind to follow Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
21. Why do you think Mark tells us that they left Zebedee and the servants in the boat? Why is that important?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
22. Read Luke 14:26. What do Mark 1 and Luke 14 tell us about the cost of following Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
23. How does the immediacy of the fisherman's response to Jesus's call apply to us today? How should it inform the way we evangelize?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
24. How is this week's passage instructive and applicable to your walk with God this week?

This week, pray for opportunities to share the good news of the gospel with unbelievers in your life this week. Pray for boldness and courage to proclaim it faithfully in love. Thank God for opening your eyes and heart to hear His saving call. Thank God for giving us the ministry of reconciliation and making us fishers of men.