Fishers of Men

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

Also: Mark 10:45

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. In Mark 1:15, when Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is near," He was thinking less about a place and more about a sphere over which a king rules. So, one who is in the kingdom of God is one who has enthroned Jesus in their life.
    - How closely does that match with how you think of Godâ€™s kingdom?
    - What is different, and what is the same?
    - Thinking it through from that perspective (Jesus enthroned over a person's life), is being in the kingdom more about allegiance to a person, or more about following a set of rules? Explain why you believe that.
    - What other biblical passages may speak to this?
3. Also in Mark 1:15 Jesus tells them to "repent and believe the good news".
    - What is "repentance"? How much emphasis should be placed on repentance in a person's life?
    - Is "believing" all in one's head, or one's feelings, or does it require action? If so, what kind of action?
    - And what is the "good news"? Can it be defined any way a person likes?
4. Finally, in Mark 1:17, Jesus gave these men a radical call: "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men."
    - What does following Jesus look like in our culture (since Jesus isn't physically present)?
    - What does following Jesus look like for you, in your life?
    - What implications are in the phrasing that Jesus Himself will make them become fishers of men?
    - How are you taking personal responsibility for the task of fishing for human beings?

Brainstorm together how we (as a church, as a small group, and as an individual) can become better followers and better fishers. Pray for His help!