

SENT TO SERVE

Seeing Jesus in the Gospel of Mark



PART 2

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Kingdom Builders

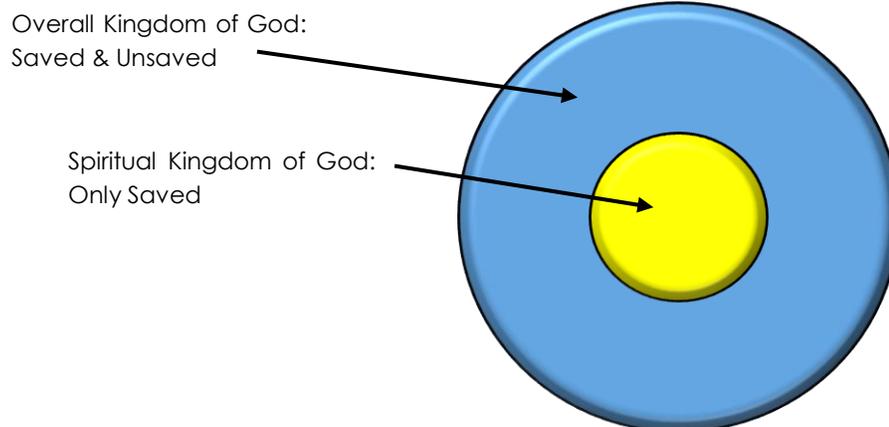
Mark 1:14-20

Main Idea: Jesus came to inaugurate his *kingdom* by proclaiming the message of the gospel to faithful followers who would carry this message to all people and become *kingdom builders*.

"After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him." Mark 1:14-20

I. WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

Broadly speaking, the kingdom of God is the rule of an eternal, sovereign God over *all the universe*. More narrowly, the kingdom of God is a *spiritual rule* over the hearts and lives of those who willingly submit to his authority. God's Kingdom is manifested through Jesus Christ.



II. AS A KINGDOM BUILDER:

A. You have a great _____ to live for.

Kingdom builders demonstrate a great commitment to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. And for the Christian, we have the greatest purpose of all – to rescue people for eternity through Jesus.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20

B. You have great _____ to live by.

A Kingdom builder is one who has a different source from which to draw wisdom – God's eternal truth revealed in the Bible.

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." John 17:17

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." James 1:5

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" 2 Timothy 3:16

C. You have great _____ to live on.

A Kingdom builder operates in a different power than the rest of the world – the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit who offers guidance every step of the way.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

D. You have great _____ to live with.

A Kingdom builder gathers with God's people and joins up with a small group for encouragement and accountability.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1

III. DIGGING DEEPER

1. What practical advice would you give to someone who said they never shared the gospel with someone else and didn't know where to begin?
2. If a non-Christian asked you, how would you summarize the good news in two sentences?
3. Why role does repentance play in salvation? Is repentance simply feeling sorry for your sins? Explain.