

Home Group notes for the week following Sunday 25th January 2015

JESUS CALLS

As we Gather

Mark tells us that after John had been put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee [Mark 1:14]. Here He commenced His planned ministry.

Reading Scripture **MARK 1 : 14 – 20**

Thinking Together

Having made His decision concerning how He was going to lay the foundation of His kingdom, Jesus began to choose His disciples [Mark 1:16-20]

Has Jesus called you to follow Him? If so, when, where and how did He call you? Discuss

Jesus began by 'proclaiming the good news of God' and, like John, calling on His listeners to repent and believe the good news [Mark1:14-15].

What is the 'good news of God'? Discuss (see also Ephesians 1:13-14)

The core of Jesus' message is that Messiah has come to break the power of sin and begin God's reign on earth

What do you understand by the 'kingdom of God'? Discuss (see also Ephesians 2:13-22)

How does the call of Jesus affect the lives of those who respond and follow Him? Discuss (see also John 3:1-7 Matthew 27:3-5 Ephesians 2:8-9 2 Corinthians 7:8-10)

In Closing

As ordinary people go about their daily tasks Jesus calls them to follow Him and enter His service (Amos 7:14-15).

Each call is different and how we personally respond to His call is unique to each of us

How has your life been affected by your response to the call of Jesus?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, by your grace alone you accepted us and called us to your service. Strengthen us by your spirit and make us worthy of our calling. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen