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The Kingdom of Jesus – Invitation and Challenge (Matthew 4:17-19)

Warmup: If Jesus gave you a Kingdom job title based on your personality, what would it be? (Chief Encouragement Officer, Director of Snacks, Minister of Awkward Hugs...)

READ Matthew 4:17-19, Mark 1:15

- What invitation is Jesus extending in these verses?
- What do you think made Simon and Andrew immediately leave their nets?

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- How would you explain the Kingdom of God to someone who has never heard the phrase before?
- What competing “kingdoms” do people follow today—sources of identity, security, or authority?
- Think back to the sermon. What definitions were given for sin?
- Jesus says this is how we step into the Kingdom, and how we return when we drift: **repent, believe, follow**. Which of these three is God highlighting for you right now?
- Where is Jesus inviting you to follow Him more boldly or more simply?
- Pastor Neil described following Jesus as being so close you can hear His whisper, know His scent, begin to sense how Jesus thinks and sees the world. What part of that imagery resonates with you?
 - What part challenges you?
- What helps you stay close enough to Jesus to sense His movements?

KINGDOM RESPONSE (choose one, or do both)

- Practice a 60-second daily examen. At the end of each day, ask: Where did I drift? Where did I sense Jesus inviting me back?
- Repair one relationship ripple: apologize, clarify, or extend kindness where sin or misunderstanding created distance.

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