

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK**  
**Session 2: Mark 1:14-45**

**SUMMER 2021**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. REVIEW OF WEEK 1
2. What do you think of when you hear the word “kingdom”? What about when you consider “The Kingdom of God”?

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

3. Read Mark 1:14-20. What is Jesus’ first activity?
4. Notice that the proclamation of this Word specifically involves the “Kingdom of God”. What does Jesus teach about the Kingdom of God?
5. What is the desired response to the proclamation of the Gospel/Good News of the coming of the Reign and Rule of God in the person of Jesus? (see vs. 15).
6. What does Jesus call these four men to do? What does that mean? See Jeremiah 16:16. What might this mean for our proclamation of God’s Word today?
7. How did these four disciples respond to the call of Christ? What was the cost of their discipleship? What does the Lord expect of those who want to become his disciples?

**Jesus Begins His Ministry**

8. Read Mark 1:21-28. Look at verses 10, 12, 18, 20, 21, and 23. What word is used repeatedly? Why?

9. What is the first thing Jesus does in His Galilean Ministry? (Hint: same answer as #3).

10. Next, He encounters a man with an unclean (not “evil” ... significant as well) spirit. Considering what we have already read in chapter one, what is the significance of Mark including this as His second ministry action?

11. Why does Jesus tell the demon to “*Be silent*”?

12. Read Mark 1:29-45. What was Jesus showing about Himself when He healed people, whether individuals like Peter’s mother-in-law or the crowds?

13. What again is highlighted in Jesus’ words in verse 38?

14. How can your congregation seek more effectively to keep its focus on the main mission?

15. In verse 40, we meet a second man who is unclean (remember the man with the unclean spirit). Being unclean means neither of these men are under the reign and rule of God.