

MATTHEW

# THE KING

THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

## THE KING'S ASSIGNMENT JUNE 5, 2022

*From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 4:17 NIV*

### WEEKLY SERMON REFLECTION

- ◆ How did the sermon based on Matthew 4:12-25 – The King's Assignment – speak to you personally?
- ◆ Why is that important to you?
- ◆ What part of this truth is the biggest challenge?

### START THINKING

- ◆ Does it make sense to you that Jesus would begin his ministry in the area of Galilee? Does it make more sense to establish a Kingdom with a home base in Jerusalem (Washington D.C.) or Capernaum (Mobile, Alabama)?

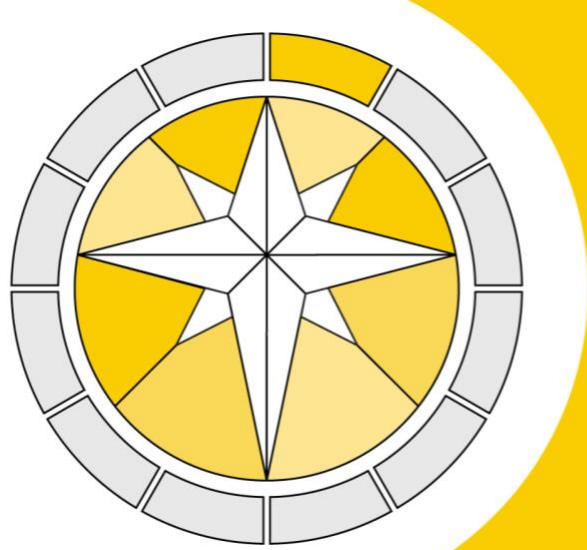
*"In despised Galilee, the place where people live in darkness (i.e., without the religious and cultic advantages of Jerusalem and Judea) ... here the light has dawned." (D.A Carson).*

### HEAD

- ◆ Compare Isaiah 9:1-2 and Matthew 4:15-16. What words are used to describe the way that Jesus would usher in his Kingdom? How is Jesus a great light to those in darkness? What does light do?
- ◆ If Jesus' ministry was focused on reaching the Jews (Matthew 15:24), why would he begin his ministry in "Galilee of the Gentiles," a heavily Gentile area?
- ◆ Jesus used the same words as John the Baptist, calling people to Repent and stating that the kingdom of heaven has come near. What is the difference between John and Jesus speaking these words?

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- ◆ When Jesus called his first disciples, he said, “Come follow me” They immediately followed, leaving everything. What do you think compelled them to take this step? Do you think they knew the details or what it would cost them? How would you respond if your child, sibling, or best friend told you they were taking this step? Read John 1:35-51 for additional context.
- ◆ Jesus came “preaching the good news of the kingdom.” What does that mean?
- ◆ What three parts of Jesus’ ministry does Matthew list? How does that provide a “Complete Gospel?”

## HEART

- ◆ As a believer who once lived in darkness, how would you describe the moment when the light of Christ became real in your life?
- ◆ Jesus said “Repent,” “Change your way of thinking.” In what areas in your life have you experienced repentance as you embraced the Gospel?
- ◆ Jesus called his disciples, and they immediately left everything: their job, their family, their home, everything that was important to them. They left everything that gave them purpose and identity, and they did so immediately, without a second thought. How has the call to follow Jesus been watered down in our culture?

## ACTION

- ◆ Have you given up everything to follow Jesus? What are you struggling to give up?
- ◆ Share this with the group and pray for one another that you can together be disciples of Jesus who make disciples.

