

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Lost in Translation

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Message: The Gospel

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Memory Verse: Proverbs 2:6  
For the Lord gives wisdom;  
from His mouth come knowledge and  
understanding.

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea:** The Gospel is the world-changing announcement that God's kingdom is open and we can enter it by rejecting the kingdom of darkness and embracing Jesus as our Savior and King.

## Read Mark 1:14-15

1. The word "Gospel" (v 14) means "good news," and is a term that was used in Roman propaganda to announce the birth of emperors, announce royal weddings, and declare military victory. What might it have meant for Jesus to use the same word to describe His message? How might that have sounded to people living under Roman rule? How does Jesus' gospel challenge earthly allegiances or competing "kingdoms" in our lives today?
2. Jesus begins His message by saying, "The time is fulfilled" (v 15). How might this statement have sounded to people who were waiting for God to act? How do you handle the tension between waiting and action? Is there any area in your life where you sense Him prompting you that now is the time to respond, trust, or take a step?
3. In verse 15 when Jesus says "the kingdom of God is at hand," He's announcing that God's rule and reign is breaking into the world. What do you think people expected God's kingdom to look like, and how was Jesus' version surprising?



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What does it look like to live under God's reign today, in your home, your work, or your relationships?

4. In what ways are you tempted to look for hope in other "kingdoms", such as political systems, success, control, comfort, etc.? How does Jesus' kingdom offer something different, something better?
5. Jesus calls for two responses: "repent and believe in the gospel" (v 15). Repentance means more than just feeling sorry. It means turning away from one direction and reorienting your life toward God. Why does Jesus include repentance as part of the response to the good news of the kingdom? How does seeing repentance as an invitation to return to Jesus, rather than just a demand to stop sinning, change how you approach it?
6. Repentance is often seen as a one-time moment, but it is also a continual posture. What does ongoing repentance look like in the life of someone following Jesus? What are some things, attitudes, patterns, behaviors, or priorities you've found hard to turn away from, even when you know they aren't in line with God's will?
7. What does it truly mean for you to "believe in the gospel" (v 15)? Is it simply intellectual assent, or does it involve a deeper trust and reliance on Jesus? How is that different from how people often talk about "belief" today?
8. Jesus invites people to "believe in the gospel," (v 15) but not everyone chooses to. Why do you think some people respond to Jesus with faith, while others walk away? What helped you respond with belief? How can you invite someone hearing the gospel message to consider Jesus more deeply?

Reach out to anyone who couldn't participate with your Small Group and make a personal connection with them this coming week (call, text, email, or personal face-to-face conversation.) Let them know they were missed, and you look forward to seeing them next time.



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