

THE ADVANCING MESSIAH

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SERIES BIG IDEA:

**Jesus is the Sovereign King who reveals God to us and brings us into the Kingdom of God.**

**Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God by preaching repentance.**

*From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

Matthew 4:17

**God's kingdom advances when the Holy Spirit changes the hearts and minds of humanity.**

**Jesus did not conquer humanity to serve in His Kingdom. He invites us to follow Him.**

*While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately, they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother in the boat with Zebedee their father mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately, they left the boat and their father and followed him.*

Matthew 4:18-22

**Jesus' invitation to His Kingdom invites us to change who we are and what we do.**

*Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.*

Matthew 4:19

**What does Jesus' invitation require of us?**

*As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

Luke 9:57-62

**Following Jesus requires a willingness to sacrifice and put Him first in everything.**

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**Repentance is making Jesus first and following Him.**

**We respond to Jesus' invitation through repentance.**

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**TEACHING SUMMARY:**

Jesus was the promised Messiah of Israel, the promised one of God who would save and redeem His people

Although the Hebrews believed the Messiah would be a political and military leader, Jesus came to change the hearts and minds of all of humanity. When we recognize why Jesus came and preached repentance we can begin to see God's love for us revealed through His Son, Jesus.

Our job is to simply accept the invitation to follow Jesus by putting Jesus first in every area of our life. We turn from sin by turning toward Jesus and making Him Lord of our life.

When people place Jesus first, their lives transform and the Kingdom of God advances.

**TALK-IT-OVER:**

What areas of life are easy for you to hang on to control of and not allow Jesus to be first?

What is keeping you from handing over that area of life to Jesus?

What do you need to repent of in order to make Jesus first in your life?

What is one next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:**

Day 1) Acts 2:22-36

Day 2) Luke 13:1-5

Day 3) Luke 15:8-10

Day 4) Ephesians 4:17-32

Day 5) Matthew 28:18-20

Day 6) John 14:15-23