

An illustration on a textured, light-colored background. Three hands of different skin tones (light, dark, and medium) are shown holding a small globe of the Earth. The globe is colored with blue oceans and green landmasses. The word "BUILDING" is written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the globe. A blue, hand-drawn, cursive word "hope" is written over the "BUILDING" text.

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**Bringing the Infinite into Our Finite World**



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# TRANSFORMED AND IMPACTFUL IN JESUS



“After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ‘The time has come,’ he said. ‘The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!’

**Mark 1:14-18**



# Jesus Introduces a New Way of Living



The kingdom of God is a life—a life lived under the authoritative leadership of God.

Jesus tell us that in order to experience this life, two things are required: repentance and belief.



The word **repent** means to turn around;  
to turn away from one thing and turn  
toward another thing.

The word **believe** means more than just  
intellectual assent; it means to act upon  
something or to enter into it.





Jesus' first words introducing His message were,  
"The time has come. The kingdom has come  
near. Repent and believe the good news!"



# Two Brothers' Lives Interrupted



“As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ At once they left their nets and followed him!”

**Mark 1:16-18**



# Something More



The surprise about this invitation was that Jesus didn't stop with "follow me." He went on to say, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Jesus was making a direct connection between the life they'd been living and the life he was calling them to.





"I'm going to take this business of yours—fishing—and turn it into a mission. I'm going to take this life of yours—this pretty good life—and turn it into a purposeful life. I want you to follow me, not just for your own sake, but for the sake of others."



# Moving from Something Small to Something Epic



“The call and response of these fishermen...should shatter our comfortable world of middle-class discipleship. Disciples are not simply those who fill pews at worship, attend an occasional Bible study...”

**David Garland**



“and offer to help out in the work of the church now  
and then...When one is hooked by Jesus, one’s whole  
life and purpose are transformed.”

**David Garland**



“That’s what it means to ‘repent and believe the good news.’ It means to follow Jesus into a new way of life, to radically re-orient your life around Jesus and his work in the world. Until you’ve done that, you haven’t fully experienced the life of the kingdom.”

**David Garland**





Is There a Hole in Your Faith?



"Being a Christian requires much more than just having a personal and transforming relationship with God. It also entails a public and transforming relationship with the world. If your personal faith in Christ has no outward expression, then your faith has a hole in it."



# Becoming the Hands and Feet of Jesus



“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

**Ephesians 2:8–10**



These verses make clear that we aren't saved by good works, but rather we are saved for good works. We were formed to do good from the beginning of creation, and we were transformed to do good when Christ forgave us and made us new.





“People today aren’t asking if Christianity is true; they’re asking if Christianity is good. People are tired of hearing us talk about Good News. They want us to be Good News to our communities and the world.”

**Todd Hunter**





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