# *Mark* | a new way

***The Way of Good News***
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Mark 1:14-20
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***Introduction:*** Jesus says: "Follow me." But how? Not by following a set of rules, but by being caught up in good news. The story of Jesus, as the gospel of Mark tells it, is the story of good news and a new way. A better way. To be “on the way” with Jesus is let the good news have its way in every dimension of our lives. As we begin our study of Mark’s account, we focus on Mark’s use of the term ‘good news.’ Because the invitation to adventure and transformation still stands today: "Follow me."

***Review:*** Was your understanding of “good news” expanded by the sermon last Sunday?

***Read:*** Mark 1:14-20

***Prayer:*** Father, we thank you that we have been called personally by Jesus, like the fishermen in this text. Amen

***Discussion:***

1. Why did Jesus go into Galilee after John was put into prison?

2. What did Jesus mean when he proclaimed that the kingdom of God is “near”? What did he say to do? Why was “repent” first?

3. What was the specific command of Jesus to Simon and Andrew? and what was the promise of Jesus to these two?

4. How would you describe the difference/effect in the lives of the four fishermen from this point?

***Application:*** This week let the transforming power of Jesus have an increasing effect on your thoughts and actions.

***Prayer:*** Father God, thank you for the good news that Jesus can transform all areas of our lives. Amen