

**Equipped 1 - Where it begins – Repent and believe –**  
**Mark 1:14-20** **18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Introduction to the series**

Where this series came from. Linked to vision for the year – see Resources.

Clarify:

- > Not because we want p\_\_\_\_\_ to do more. Rather, service is part of being a d\_\_\_\_\_.
- > Not just thinking about s\_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual g\_\_\_\_\_. Rather, thinking about some key t\_\_\_\_\_.
- > Danger where focus on t\_\_\_\_\_. Hold me a\_\_\_\_\_.

**Where it begins**

**The call – Repent and believe (Mark 1:14-15)**

Jesus's message:

- > It's g\_\_\_\_\_ news
- > About f\_\_\_\_\_
- > Doesn't mean everything is now p\_\_\_\_\_. Initially the kingdom comes in people's l\_\_\_\_\_ as they submit to Jesus as their k\_\_\_\_\_.

*Believe*

Believing the good news of Jesus: That he's come to s\_\_\_\_\_ people; from s\_\_\_\_\_; through his sacrificial death on the c\_\_\_\_\_.

Sin is:

*Repent*

Change of m\_\_\_\_\_ / direction.

Choosing to put God at the c\_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.

Includes turning from self-focus to God-f\_\_\_\_\_  
from s\_\_\_\_\_ -reliance to God-reliance

**The call illustrated (Mark 1:16-20)**

“Follow me.”

Notice:

- > You don't need to k\_\_\_\_\_ much.
- > What these men do – f\_\_\_\_\_ men. When Jesus wanted to call people to follow him, he didn't go to the u\_\_\_\_\_, he went to the lakeside. 1 Corinthians 1:26-27.
- > Their t\_\_\_\_\_ - fish for p\_\_\_\_\_.

**So what?**

- > Maybe you wouldn't yet call yourself a C\_\_\_\_\_?
- > Maybe you would but you haven't r\_\_\_\_\_ and believed?
- > To those who are Christian:
  - The foundations have already been l\_\_\_\_\_ for a life of Christian service
  - We've never “made it.”

**Resources**

Vision sermon - 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (on YouTube or our website)

5 principles from Acts 6:1-7:

- 1, The spread and increase of God's word is vital
- 2, Every member of the church needs to know their role
- 3, Clear on what we're trying to achieve
- 4, Multiplication is a key concept (6:1, 7; see also Acts 9:31, 12:24)
- 5, In the power of the Holy Spirit – therefore prayer is vital

**To reflect on / think about**

- > What reasons have you had / heard, holding people back from serving God – either at church or more generally?
- > Have you repented and believed? What will repentance and faith look like for you in the coming week?

- > Pray about it!