

The Kingdom is here . . . and is to come. Matthew 4.12-17 **Week Four**
Day One.

Listen to the episode. Read the following question, and write your answers in the box provided.

Jesus heads towards danger. What's your approach to risk in life? What sacrifices are you prepared to make to go where God is leading? Reflect on the sacrifices you're prepared to make for the gospel. How is God challenging you?

Reflection: The people sitting in darkness. Read Isaiah 9.1-7. God goes to these people first, the beleaguered, as he went to the sinners and the fishermen. How does that speak to you? Is God calling us to do the same thing? Either reflect on how this message speaks to you personally, and thank God for his mercy. OR Is God calling you to love those "sitting in darkness?" As you sit quietly before God, ask Him to show you the people He's calling you to love/minister to.

Prayer.

Day Two.

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Your kingdom come. Your will be done. With what expectations should we pray this most famous of prayers? What consolation do you draw from knowing that one day the kingdom will be fully established? How is God stretching your faith with regard to your participation in the work of his kingdom? Write a couple of reflections below.

Reflection: The Kingdom of Heaven/God. God's reign and rule in the human heart. How does exercise his reign in your heart? Reflect on the ways God leads, guides and even disciplines you. Surrender to God one specific area of your life that you know God is calling on you to surrender. Then pray for the power of God's Spirit to help you follow through on your commitment.

Prayer.