Lesson 1: The Nature and Arrival of the Kingdom

Exploring Jesus’ Proclamation and the Reality of the Kingdom

Definition of "Kingdom": In the biblical context, the word "Kingdom" refers to the reign or rule of God—His sovereign authority and dynamic presence manifested both spiritually and, ultimately, in the renewal of all creation. It is not merely a physical territory, but the active exercise of God's will, power, and purposes among and in people.

# Key Scriptures

* Mark 1:14-15
* Matthew 4:17
* Luke 17:20-21
* Matthew 6:10

# Topics

* Jesus’ proclamation of the Kingdom’s nearness
* The present and future aspects of the Kingdom
* The meaning of “repentance” and its relationship to the Kingdom
* The Kingdom as a reality “among you”

# Discussion Questions

* What did Jesus mean by “the Kingdom of God has come near”?
* Is the Kingdom something present, future, or both? How do we experience it today?
* How does repentance prepare us for the Kingdom?
* How do you interpret Jesus’ statement that “the Kingdom of God is within you” or “among you”? What implications does this have for our daily lives and spiritual journey?