

**January 21, 2018:** 3rd Sunday of Epiphany — The Imminent Kingdom

SEEK *first*  
THE  
KINGDOM  
OF *God*



What do I need to know in order to understand what this part of the Bible is about?

// Do you see any parallels with the Gospel lesson for today, Mark 1:14-20?



How does the message of today's text influence my living?

**NEXT WEEK:**

**On Eating Idol's Food**

**1 Cor 8:1-13;** cf. Mk 1:21-28

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**  
**Advice When Time is Short**

[for context, the whole chapter is interesting; but especially see verses 12b, 25a]

<sup>29</sup>What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the **time is short**. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; <sup>30</sup>those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; <sup>31</sup>those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

**Mark 1:14-20**

**Jesus Calls His First Disciples**

<sup>14</sup>After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup>**"The time has come,"** he said. **"The kingdom of God has come near.** Repent and believe the good news!"

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>18</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup>When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup>Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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