Life Group Meeting

On Earth As It Is In Heaven – Week 1
Matthew 4:17

Get to Know You Question:

If you were a vegetable, what vegetable would you be and why?

Into the Bible

Have someone read Matthew 4:17

- What did Jesus mean by "the kingdom of heaven has come near?"

- What makes "repentance" so important in this verse?

- Matthew 4:17 marks the start of Jesus going out and teaching to communities. Was it also the start of Jesus proclaiming the kingdom? Is there a difference? Why or why not?

- Read Matthew 3:1-2. How did Jesus' preaching about the kingdom of heaven differ from John the Baptist's? How did it differ from other religious leaders' preachings at the time?

Going Deeper:

- What does “proclaiming the kingdom” mean to you?

- Does the kingdom of heaven feel more distant, less distant, or the same this past year? Why?

- In what ways have you seen that “the kingdom of heaven is near?”

- How do you proclaim the kingdom? Is there a right and wrong way to do so?