### Matthew 4:17

Kingdom Response

#### The Required Response

The Urgent Response

## **Application of Matthew 4:17**

- 1. The required response to "repent" was not a new message from the NT preachers, but has always been the required response to sin, see e.g. Lev 26:40-45; Deut 30:1-10; 2 Chron 7:13-14; Is 10:21; 19:22; 55:7; Jer 3:12-18; 24:7; Ezek 18:21-23; Amos 4:6-11; Jonah 3.
- 2. Do the words "at hand" mean "is here" or "is near"? How does understanding these words impact one's view of the kingdom Jesus was preaching?
- 3. What are several reasons to understand Jesus was correct to preach the kingdom "at hand" and yet, because Israel didn't repent the kingdom has been postponed or delayed until they do?
  - a. What is the definition of the kingdom from what we've looked at in the OT?
  - b. What examples and passages describe a conditional element to God's plan that is based on human response (e.g. Jer 18:1-10; Lev 26:40-45; 1 Kings 11:38; 2 Kings 20:1-7; Jonah; Matt 23:37-38; Luke 19:41-44; Acts 3:18-21)?
  - c. What does Matt 25:31; Luke 19:11-27; 21:31 teach about the nearness of the kingdom in the future?
  - d. What did the disciples understand about the timing of the kingdom, even after Jesus rose from the dead and taught them about the kingdom for 40 days? See Acts 1:4-6; 3:19-21
- 4. How does this message and the Scripture references included in these notes affirm, challenge, or correct your view of the Kingdom of heaven/God?
  - a. Will you act as a Berean (Acts 17:11) to study this topic further?
- 5. Have you repented of your sin? If not, today is the day of salvation!
  - a. Pray for opportunities to tell unbelievers the gospel of the Kingdom and urge them to repent

Reading this week: Matthew 4:17

# Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

| Date    | Pastor             |                         |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Book    | Sermon Main Points | Other Bible References: |
|         | <i>KR</i>          |                         |
| Chapter | The R Response     |                         |
| Verses  | The U R            |                         |

#### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

| God/Yahweh/<br>Father | Christ/Jesus/Lord | Israel/Jerusalem | King/Kingdom | Prophesy/<br>Preach | Repent/Response |
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What is the message about?

How can you do this?

What/who can you pray for?

Draw a picture related to the message: