

Series: Lessons from His Life
Message: The Call for Kingdom People
Text: Mark 1:14-17 (AM 1/6/08)

All of history is woven into the fabric of God's Kingdom. The Kingdom has been God's plan and purpose for all eternity. Its mystery and majesty marvelously unfolds in the pages of scripture. The Father longs for each of us to participate in His Kingdom. Answer His call to be a Kingdom person.

I. **The Culmination of God's Plan** – *The time is fulfilled (14-15a)*
All of history is in reality His story.

God's Preparation of Human History – *The fullness of time (Gal 4:4)*

- T – Travel
- I – International language
- M – Messianic hope
- E – Economic system

God's Work Through Redemptive History – *The Kingdom of God...*

- The Remnant – *a chosen people*
- The Redeemer – *Christ's ministry*
- The Redeemed – *the Church*
- The Return – *Christ's second advent*

II. **The Coronation of God's Prince** – *The Kingdom of God... (14b)*
The crescendo of the kingdom is the coming of the King.

- The *appearance* of the Messiah
- The *affirmation* of the Messenger
- The *advent* of His Ministry

III. **The Call of God's People** – *Follow Me... (14c-17)*
Our greatest joy is to be a Kingdom person.

- Our Invitation – *Believe in the Gospel*
- Our Inspiration – *I will make you...*

Application to Life: The Father is ever active in His Kingdom. Are you sensitive to His Kingdom? Are you a member of His Kingdom? Are you a Kingdom person, ever participating in His Kingdom through His Church?