

# CONVERSATION GUIDE

## Middle-High School

DATE: 8/16/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:12-25

LESSON: The Kingdom of Jesus

### INTRO

*This conversation guide exists to help parents interact with their middle and high school students. Our goal in having middle and high school students attend gatherings (or worship at home) with their parents is to help them transition toward being adults who are fully functioning members of the church. But most middle and high school students still need some translation and help connecting what they're learning to their lives. We want our sermons to be accessible, but they aren't specifically targeted toward the transitional teenage years.*

- Before hearing this sermon, could you have summed up Jesus' life and message in one sentence? How would you have?
- **Read Matthew 4:17.** In your own words, describe what repentance is?
  - Repentance is changing your mind in a way that affects the rest of your life. Can you think of an example when you learned something new or changed your mind about something and it had a significant effect on your life/behavior?
  - What is God's kingdom? Is it a physical place? (Help lead your students to the idea: God's kingdom is everywhere where He is worshipped and obeyed as King.)
  - When we think about kingdoms and kings, we think about who or what has the most influence and control in our lives. Outside of Jesus, who or what has the most power in your life?
    - (Parents - if your students are stuck on this question, consider follow up questions like: Who are you most concerned about what they think about you? Who or what are you willing to break the rules for even if it comes with severe consequences?)