

July 20, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Kingdom Summons” -- Mark 1:14-28

1. What does the word "jurisdiction" mean to you in everyday life? How does that meaning change when applied to Jesus?
2. How does Mark 1:14–28 demonstrate Jesus' authority and jurisdiction? What specific scenes or verses stand out?
3. Where in your life do you most struggle to trust Jesus' authority? Why is it hard to yield that area to him?
4. How does the image of Jesus crossing all human and spiritual boundaries encourage you today?
5. Why do we sometimes treat Jesus' commands like advice rather than the edicts of a king?
6. In what ways do we attempt to limit Jesus' jurisdiction in our daily lives?
7. In what ways does the culture we live in challenge or resist Christ's jurisdiction—personally, socially, or spiritually?
8. How does understanding Jesus' full authority help you face fear, temptation, or uncertainty?
9. What idols (comfort, control, approval, etc.) tend to resist Jesus' rule in your life?
10. How does the cross prove that Jesus has ultimate jurisdiction—not just to rule, but to redeem?
11. What is the difference between obeying out of duty and obeying out of delight in the gospel? How might the difference “show up” in your life?
12. What does it look like to “cross back over the line” and submit to Christ's authority in daily life?
13. How can we help each other submit more joyfully to Christ's reign in practical ways?
14. What is one area this week where you want to actively surrender to the King's gracious rule?
15. How can your small group help each other trust, obey, and find joy in Christ's jurisdiction this week?