



Week beginning January 25th

Moving Outwards

Opening Questions

- Looking back at your life, can you see any times which were significant turning points for you? What happened?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you felt God was clearly guiding you to do something? What helped you to be sure he was speaking to you?

Getting into the text

Read Matthew 4:12-23

- The prophecy from Isaiah speaks of 'the people living in darkness.' What do you think 'living in darkness' means?
- In contrast, what do you think is meant by 'the great light'?
- How would you explain the word 'repent'?

- What do you think made the first disciples willing to respond immediately when Jesus called them?
- How would their lives have changed as a result?

Applying the Bible to your life

- How can you be a 'fisher of people' in your community, among your neighbours or in your workplace? What might help to point people to Jesus?
- If you were asked to explain what the 'good news of the kingdom' is, what would you say?

Something to pray about

In 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 we read, **'May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father.....encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.'**

- Ask God to strengthen you and help you to share the good news of the kingdom with those you come across day by day.
- Pray for anyone you know who is working in a challenging situation where it is difficult to share faith.
- Offer to God any situations where you need his guidance before moving forward.