



“What Is God’s Mission?”
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“The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news.” Mark 1:15

Jesus’ call to repent was not just a call to feel sorry for our sins.

- Jesus calls us to **CHANGE OUR LIVES!**

There’s a difference between a **DISCIPLE** & a **DECIDER**.

- Deciders just **BELIEVE** the right things.
- Disciples look to **DO** the right things.

*“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord’ and **do not do what I say?**” Luke 6:46*

*Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who **does the will of my Father** who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, **‘I never knew you.’** Away from me, you **evildoers!**” Matthew 7:21-23*

It’s not enough to simply be a decider. Jesus wants **DISCIPLES!**

Becoming a disciple of Christ begins with **A DECISION** but it must be followed by a **NEW WAY OF LIVING** under God’s authority, truth, & values.

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.” Romans 5:6

All previous attempts at reconciliation didn’t work because they relied on man’s efforts.

- This time it could succeed for 3 reasons:
 - 1) God offered a **FULL PARDON** for our sins & substituted **HIS SON** to pay our penalty.
 - 2) Jesus modeled how we could enter His kingdom & **LIVE DIFFERENTLY**.
 - 3) God’s Spirit would now **DWELL IN US** giving us the power to live this way!