**Responding to the King**

Matthew 4:12-25

FULL TEXT: Matthew 4:12-17

**The King’s message.**

*Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.* (v. 17)

FULL TEXT: Matthew 4:18-22

**The King’s invitation.**

*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.* (v. 19)

Jesus…

* Saw them where they were
* Spoke to them as they were
* Invited them to more

The brothers…

* Responded quickly
* Left their security
* Followed Jesus

FULL TEXT: Matthew 4:23-25

**The King’s mission.**

*Teaching, proclaiming and healing.* (v. 23)

Jesus…

* Taught where they gathered
* Proclaimed the good news of the kingdom
* Healed their physical sickness

The crowds…

* Talked about Jesus
* Brought their insecurities
* Followed Jesus

**They responded to the presence of Jesus with eager willingness and hopeful dependence.**

**How do we respond to the presence of Jesus?**

* With eagerness or fear?
* With our insecurities or security?
* By following or resisting?