

**Exposition of Matthew**  
**The Gospel of the Kingdom**  
**(Matt. 4:12-23)**

**I. The Gospel of the Kingdom (4:12-17)**

A. John is imprisoned (12)

B. The light to the Gentiles (4:14-16)

1. Jesus moves from Nazareth to Capernaum
2. Mt focuses on the fact that this is the region of Zebulun and Naphtali
3. This fulfills Isa 9:1-2  
9:1-5 - Exile promise  
9:6-7 - Child prophecy
4. Galilee of the Gentiles
5. The great light

C. Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand (4:17)

**II. Disciples for the Kingdom (4:18-22)**

A. Peter and Andrew called (4:18-20)

B. James and John called (4:21-22)

C. Followed

*"Discipleship to Jesus was not like the discipleship to a Jewish rabbi. The rabbis bound their disciples not to themselves, but to Torah; Jesus bound His disciples to Himself. The rabbis offered something outside themselves; Jesus offered Himself alone. Jesus required His disciples to surrender to His*

*authority. They thereby became not only His disciples, but also His douloi, His bond-slaves."*

D. OT background to "fishermen of men"

Jer. 16:14-18

### **III. The Spread of the Kingdom (4:23-25)**

A. Teaching, preaching and healing (4:23)

B. The growth of the kingdom (4:24-25)

### **Conclusions**

1. The Gospel of the Kingdom is coming to the nations. It is coming with power to overthrow Satan, the curse, the effects of sin.
2. Not all of those who started following Jesus would be true believers, but there is no difference between a believer and a disciple.