Mark 1:15

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news"

Jesus said concerned about the present

"Do you have eyes, and fail to see?

"Do you have ears, and fail to hear here?"



Radical Call to See with New Eyes

The reign of God is breaking in on us -

Right here!

Right now!

Jesus' Attitude

The future belongs to God

For Now, I'll Give You the Holy Spirit

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses...

Acts 1:7-8

Martin Luther

Confidence that God has given the mission

We do not want to miss out

We long to participate in it

We want the Kingdom to "also come to us."

What You DON'T Know Can Hurt You

There are no shortcuts, no magic bullets, no prescribed combination programs.

Growing a church is difficult, taxing, time consuming work.

Growth starts with your heart.

Churches change when people change!

Pontius Pilate:

"Joseph I really don't understand. You're one of the richest men in the region, and you spent a small fortune on a new tomb for you and your family and you want to give it to a man named Jesus?" Joseph: "It's just for the weekend"