

# Sermon Discussion Guide

*The Jesus You Can't Ignore*

Mark 1:14–20

## Jesus' message (14–15)

Isa. 40:9–10; 52:7; 61:1–2; Col. 1:13

- What is the significance of Jesus beginning his ministry by proclaiming the gospel of God?
- How does the nature of Jesus' message (i.e. gospel, announcement of good news) distinguish Christianity from other religions and forms of spirituality?
- In what sense is the kingdom of God both a present and future reality?
- What is repentance? What is the difference between true and false repentance?

## Jesus' summons (16–20)

Jer. 16:16; Hab. 1:14–15; Mark 8:34–38

- How does Jesus' call to follow him demonstrate his divine authority?
- Does defining discipleship as "total commitment to Jesus" sound too legalistic to you? Why or why not?
- How is Jesus' exercise of authority different from the way other human leaders often exercise authority?