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Matthew 7:24-27

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Mark 1:15

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

"All of our kingdoms intersect with others' kingdoms. We get married. We have families. We live in neighborhoods. We go to schools. We have corporations. We have nations. All of those kingdoms merge and connect and interweave and mesh with each other, and we might call the whole conglomeration of all those systems 'the kingdom of the earth.' How are things going in the kingdom of earth? Not so well. Then Jesus comes, and says that there is another kingdom, and it's real—more real by far than you can understand. The reality of this kingdom is what wise people stake their existence on. Jesus calls it the kingdom of God."

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