## The Good Life?!

Mark 1:14-15 (NIV) 14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

- 1. Do you remember a time when you heard "the news?"
  - 1. What was it?
  - 2. What did it make you think and feel?
  - 3. How did it affect your life?
  - 4. Does it still affect you?
  - 5. Was it "good" news or "bad" news?
- 2. How are you taking the news of the virus?
  - 1. What thoughts, fears, or other feelings has it caused in you?
- 3. Is there any good news in the bad news?
- 4. How do the beatitudes apply to the situation we are in?
  - Matthew 5:3-9 (NIV) 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
  - 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
  - 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
  - 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
  - 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
  - 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
  - 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 5. What does "repent" mean?
  - 1. In what ways do you need to change your way of thinking?
- 6. How do we demonstrate that we actually believe?
- 7. Please discuss The Learning Circle as it relates to any part of your life.
  - 1. What is God doing to get your and our attention?
  - 2. What do you believe God is saying to you and us?
  - 3. What actions do you and we need to take in order to walk in the faith of the good news?
  - 4. Make a plan of action and make yourself accountable
- 8. What is the "good life?"
  - 1. What do we need to do to use the current circumstances of our life lead us closer to the good life?

