THE PEOPLE LIVING IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT

Matthew 4:12–25

Key Verse: 4:16

1. What prompted Jesus to withdraw to Galilee? (12) Why did this happen to John? (14:3–5) Where did Jesus go and live? (13a; see a map) What prophecy did this fulfill? (13b–16) What does this fulfillment tell us?
2. How is the place where Jesus began his ministry described? (15,16) What does “Galilee of the Gentiles” suggest? Read verse 16. What does it mean to live “in darkness” and “in the shadow of death”? In what sense is Jesus “a great light”? What did he begin to preach? (17) Why was it the same message as John’s? (3:1,2)

1. Where was Jesus, who did he see, and what kind of people were they? (18) What did he say to them, and what did it mean? (19) How did they respond, and why? (20) Who else did he see, what were they doing, and what did Jesus do? (21) How did they respond? (22) What should we learn here from Jesus and from his first disciples?
2. How is Jesus’ ministry described? (23) What kinds of people did he heal, and why? (24) From where did the large crowds come? (25; see a map) What does this tell us?
3. Review in this passage what Jesus did. How are these things essential elements of gospel ministry? How can we experience his great light?