Northwest Bible Church – Aug. 31, 2025 – Matthew – Alan Conner

**Matthew 4:12-17**

*The Beginning of Jesus’ Ministry*

Intro

**A. JESUS SETTLES IN CAPERNAUM (Matthew 4:12-13).**

1. Why leave the southern region for Galilee?

a. Danger that went with John’s arrest.

b. It was time to begin His public ministry in earnest.

c. Primarily to fulfill prophecy (Matthew 4:14-16).

2. Why leave Nazareth for Capernaum?

a. Strategic location.

b. The reaction of Nazareth. Lk. 4:14-31

**B. THE FULFILLMENT OF ISA. 9:1-2 (Matthew 4:14-16).**

1. Context of Isa. 9:1-2.

2. The territories of the prophecy: Zebulun, Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

3. Those sitting in darkness will see light.

4. The “great light/upon them a light dawned.”

**C. THE PREACHING OF JESUS BEGINS (Matthew 4:17).**

1. Repent

2. “the kingdom of heaven is at hand”

**APPLICATION**

1. Location and geography play an important part in God’s works

2. Jesus is the Light. He shines His light through us.