

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Cleansing of our King

Mark 1:40-45

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty LORD of all grace, mercy, steadfast love and faithfulness. You are good, very good. You cleanse your people, your saints, and bring them near in your mercy and grace. Hallelujah what a Savior!! We confess our foolish assumptions and constant arrogance to assume we may approach you in our insufficient strength, with our own inadequate abilities, through our own feeble efforts, and polluted attempts to be righteous. You alone are holy, holy, holy and we are unclean in every way. It is our desperate need to be clean, to be washed white, to have a clean heart and a renewed spirit with us. We give up trying to do this for ourselves this morning, LORD, and we throw ourselves upon your lavish mercy, your amazing grace, your steadfast love. Thank you. Thank you for gathering us here again to hear and receive and to affirm again that your mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, this morning. And your steadfast love never ceases and is better than life! May be reminded of this again this morning as we turn to look to Christ and fix our hope and joy upon Him & His promised mercy. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Act of Cleansing (vv. 40-42)
2. The Witness of Cleansing (vv. 43-45)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus cleanses the leper in mercy.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Christ's mercy to cleanse us from our sin.