

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Joy of our King

Mark 2:18-22

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, you are fully satisfied and sufficient and glorious and beautiful and good on your own and in your own being. And yet through amazing grace, mercy and love you lavish us with your joy, your hope, your glory, your good, your beauty for your name's sake. Our mouths are filled with laughter and our tongues have been granted the privilege to sing your praises this morning, shouts of joy and we have said together in this place this morning, "The LORD has done great things for us." Indeed!! The LORD has done great things for us and He has made us glad with His blessings. May we turn our hearts this morning with great anticipation and joy and receive by faith through the power of your Spirit the truth of your Word as we listen together of the great joy you promise us in Christ. And may your name be exalted, and worshipped and honored here this morning. We ask this in the name of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

Why do your disciples NOT fast?

1. Because of the Presence of the King (vv. 19-20)
 - A. The Joy of the Bridegroom Presence
 - B. The Hope for the Bridegroom Return
2. Because of the Newness of the Kingdom (vv. 21-22)
 - A. The New Patch on the Old Garment
 - B. The New Wine in the Old Wineskin

Central Textual Truth

The joy of Jesus's presence keeps His disciples from fasting.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to long for Christ as our awaited final joy.