

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

Kingdom Expansion: Take Up Cross

Mark 8:34-9:1

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, Giver of life, Sufficient Provider, Sure Sustainer, our great Strength and our satisfying Portion. Thank you for breathing into our nostrils. We confess how often we live our lives for lesser glories, our passing comforts, our fickle status, our passing ambitions. Lord, we confess that with you alone is the fountain of life. You alone make known to us the paths of life and in your presence alone will there be fullness of joy and at your right hand alone are pleasures forevermore. Oh that we might live unto you, for your glory, for your renown and joy. For with this aim and end alone, in Christ alone, will goodness and mercy surely follow us all the days of our life. May your Spirit stir our hearts to run to this life in Christ. May your Word convince us of the sure refuge and joy and life we have in Jesus Christ our LORD and life. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Extreme Call to Discipleship (8:34)
2. The Extraordinary Value of Discipleship (8:35-37)
3. The Eternal End for Discipleship (8:38-9:1)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus Christ calls His disciples to come after Him & save their life.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to come after Jesus & save their life.