The GOSPEL of MARK Our Call to Discipleship The Rest of our King Mark 2:23-28

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, you are our Maker, Creator. You created all things for our joy and that we might subdue creation and have dominion over creation as your stewards. Thank you, LORD, for all these blessings, your blessings. Every one comes from your hand. You not only gave us your creation to enjoy & to work but you also rested and called us to rest, to sabbath. Lord, we confess our constant attempts to rest according to our own desire. We confess our longing for rest often turns to empty pursuits for entertainment and amusements instead of the rest you have prescribed & ordained for our good and your glory. Lord, grant us help this morning as we consider the wonderful blessing of your promised rest and help us see and savor the joy, the rest, the peace, the hope of your presence, our eternal aim and end. Lord, would you by your Spirit give us your rest this morning that we might know this gift that our souls so long for and look forward to. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

- 1. Accusation (vv.23-24)
- 2. Illustration (vv. 25-26)
- 3. Proclamation (vv.27-28)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus affirms His authority over the Sabbath. **Central Sermon Aim** I want SGBC to rest in Christ the LORD of the Sabbath.