

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Call of our King

Mark 2:13-17

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, You are most loving, gracious, merciful, and patient. You overflows with goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. You reward those who seek you diligently. At the same time, you are perfectly just and terrifying in your judgments. You hate all sin. And you hate all attempts to be righteous on our own. We confess not only our sin this morning. Our rebellion, transgression and iniquity when we turn from your law and ignore your perfect commands. But we also confess our self righteousness. This is just as much sin. When we pursue external moral behavior, strict rituals and regulations that make us look good, constant attempts toward fervency and acetic intentions so we can somehow show ourselves better than others. Lord, we confess these forms of righteousness for what they are, polluted garments, filthy rags. Lord, may we repent of both our sins & our righteousness that we might receive by faith forgiveness from the blood shed on the cross of Christ and righteousness from the perfect life lived by Christ. Thank you. Thank you for Jesus Christ our Savior and our Righteousness. For it is in His name we pray these things. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Astonishing Commission of Levi (vv. 13-14)
2. Troubling Association with Sinners (vv. 15-16)
3. Scandalous Grace of Christ (v. 17)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus has authority to call sinners out of World.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Christ's authority to call us out of World.