

# ***The GOSPEL of MARK***

## ***Our Call to Discipleship***

### ***The Distinction of our King***

#### ***Mark 4:10-12***

#### **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

Almighty Father in Heaven. You are True, One, Good and Righteous in who you are and in how you act toward us your creatures. Thank you LORD. Thank you for your righteous rule and reign over all creation and our lives in particular. We confess our attempts to rule and reign and order our lives. All attempts have left us empty and hopeless over and over again. We confess our constant assumptions assumptions of what we think is righteous and wicked. LORD, we are finite in all our faculties. We are selfish and corrupt in all our moral judgements. We need you, O LORD. We need Jesus Christ to not only reveal righteousness through His sovereign will all creation but we need Christ to give us a righteousness we have no ability to either perceive or receive apart from His Spirit working in us. LORD Jesus, this is what we pray for, this is what we are pleading for this morning, come and give us hearts that see our determined rebellion and tenacious unbelief and cause you Spirit to come that we might repent and believe in Jesus Christ our Righteous Judge and only Savior. WE ask these necessary and eternal things in this name, the name of our King, Jesus Christ. Amen & Amen.

#### ***OUTLINE***

1. The Request of the Twelve (v. 10)
2. The Secret of the Kingdom (v. 11)
3. The Purpose of the Parables (v. 12)

#### ***Central Textual Truth***

*Jesus teaches his disciples of His kingdom distinctions.*

#### ***Central Sermon Aim***

*I want SGBC to trust Christ's kingdom distinctions.*