

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Family of our King

Mark 3:31-35

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Father in heaven, King of kings, Lord of lords, Sovereign in all creation, worthy of all glory, honor and praise. Thank you, Father, for bringing us near, for receiving us as your children through the life and cross of Christ. Thank you for receiving us, accepting us, calling us to yourself. We confess our hearts are often overwhelmed when we consider how often we are cast out, not accepted, unable to measure up, set aside as strangers and often only brought into peoples lives for what we can do or how we can provide instead of for who we are. LORD, thank you for loving us by grace. Thank you for while we are dead in our tresspasses, while we were slaves to sin, while we were rebels and unrighteous in every way. You delivered us by Christ's death on the cross, you regenerated us by your Spirit, you justified us according to your perfect law through Christ's righteousness. And most amazing, most astonishing, you adopted us. You loved us and call us your own for Christ's sake. We are now protected, provided for and promised a glory to come that we might be with you our Savior and LORD because we are children of God. Come this morning, O LORD, and convince us of the joy and hope we have as those who have been adopted into your family, the true family of faith by the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior and LORD. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Jesus' Birth Family (vv. 31-32)
2. Jesus' True Family (vv. 33-35)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus calls the crowds to trust His authority & be His true family.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Christ's authority & value our true family of faith.