

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Invocation of our King

Mark 4:13-17

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in Heaven. Blessed are all who walk not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but instead delight is in your law, O LORD; and on your law mediates day and night. Your law is perfect, sure, right, pure, clean & true. Father, we confess our daily turning away from your law. We confess our that our hearts often foolishly assume that you law is restrictive, overwhelming, oppressive. When we are not outright ignoring your law we confess we will often redefine your law, manage it, and give it a relegated place under our selfish reason, emotions and constant desire for comfort. We confess this as foolishness. When you speak we are to listen. The grass may wither and the flower may fade, BUT your word, the WORD of our God will stand forever. O that you will grant us ears to hear your Word this morning, Father. Cause your Spirit to come and manifest in the person of Jesus Christ your great steadfast love, hope and joy that we can know only through listening to your law, your Word, the gospel of Jesus Christ. May our hearts long for the truth of the gospel to not only be heard but also taken up, received and reveled in this morning as we hear your word read & preached here this morning. Would you do this for the sake of Jesus Christ our King, His great name, His praise and His glory. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Path (v. 15)
2. The Rocky (vv. 16-17)
3. The Thorns (vv. 18-19)
4. The Good Soil (v. 20)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus teaches his disciples of entrance into His kingdom.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to enter Christ's kingdom through faith.