

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Invocation of our King (Part 2)

Mark 4:18-20

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in Heaven. You are Good, Righteous, Wise and True. You speak and things come into being, things exist. You are infinite, eternal and unchanging in all your perfections. Your words not only create but sustain. Man is not able to live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. We confess our words are not often good, righteous, wise nor are they true. We confess that even our thoughts and assumptions, our evaluations and assessments of what is happening around us constantly is turning away from your truth, your words; to serve our own interests and glory. Thank you for gathering us this morning that we might hear again your words, feed on your truth, affirm again your life giving word. Grant us ears to hear that we might acknowledge and trust your truth and turn and repent of our foolish assumptions that we might live. May we not look back. Be trapped by the cares of this world, deceived by the riches around us. May we live as your children. Sustained and built up, confirmed, restored and established by your words set forth this morning. Give us faith to trust in Christ our only way, th only truth and our only hope for life evermore. We pray these things in His name. 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 calls his disciples to hear with faith.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to hear and trust in Christ.