

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

Kingdom Expansion: Walking on Water

Mark 6:45-52

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, in the Old Testament You often came down and passed through the midst of your people. You walked with your people. You sustained and kept your people. In the New Testament you sent you Son Jesus Christ who is Immanuel, God with us. God in the flesh who dwells with us and is our Savior and Deliverer. Thank you for Jesus Christ. Thank you for coming to dwell with us in our hearts, though constantly searching for a refuge, a place to dwell in comfort and peace; we do not seek these things in Christ. Our foolish hearts long for passing relaxation rather abiding comfort from your hand. We settle for a constant truce rather than deep and lively peace. We accommodate our restlessness with vacations and getaways instead of resting in your presence and receiving your good, enduring hand all our body and soul needs to be refreshed and renewed. Lord, turn our hearts away from all these ways we attempt to get by our own strength and wisdom what you offer in Christ by grace and through faith. Convince us of our need to linger in your presence and our great good to walk with you by the power of your Spirit and for your glory. Would you accomplish these glorious blessings for us this morning as we hear you Word preached and Christ set forth this morning. It is in His name we pray these things. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Jesus' Wisdom (vv. 45-47)
2. Jesus' Compassion (vv. 48-50)
3. Jesus' Power (vv. 51-52)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus comes to his disciples in their distress.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Jesus' presence in our distress.