

# ***The GOSPEL of MARK***

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

### ***The Temptation of our Lord***

#### ***Mark 1:12-13***

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

Almighty Father in heaven, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgressions and sins, but who will by no means clear the guilty. We praise you for you are, indeed, worthy. Grant us faith this morning, Lord, to trust in Christ's blood poured out for many that we might be forgiven of our sins and bow to you in worship. Forgive us our debts, Lord Jesus. Help us see the gravity and burden of our sin. For when we keep silent, when we refuse to confess our sin, our bones waste away our souls groan. Your hand is heavy upon us. Our strength is dried up. We are weary and heavy laden with guilt and sorrow. So grant us great faith this morning, Father. Grant us repentance by the kindness of your hand that we might be blessed and filled with hope, joy and rest. For our sin can be covered and not counted against us only through Christ. Lord, grant us your grace this morning that we might turn by faith to trust Christ who can cancel our debt and through whom we are able to stand righteous before our heavenly Father, holy and blameless. Amen & Amen.

#### **OUTLINE**

1. Driven Out (v. 12) ~ The Context of Jesus' Temptation
2. Tempted By (v. 13a) ~ The Nature of Jesus' Temptation
3. Ministered To (v. 13b) ~ The Danger of Jesus' Temptation

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

*Jesus is tempted by Satan and proved the righteous Christ.*

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

*I want SGBC to trust Jesus our righteous Christ during temptations.*