The GOSPEL of MARK Our Call to Discipleship The Authority of our King Mark 1:21-26

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, LORD and Sovereign. You have all authority in heaven and on earth. Thank you LORD for your good and gracious ordering of our lives. Thank you for loving us despite our rebellion and kicking against your reign and rule in our lives. We confess our desperate and foolish attempts to wield our own authority, our own feeble and fragile influence. Lord, we also confess our mistrust, our suspicion, our cynicism of any authority. We have arrogantly assumed that the only authority we can trust our own. LORD deliver us from this bondage and grant us faith to trust your authority and to live by faith in Christ trusting the authorities you have placed around us & in our lives. Lord, thank you for Jesus Christ. Thank you for His absolute authority. Thank you for placing all things in subjection under His feet and giving us your Word that we might rest in the protection, provision and good of Christ's authority in our lives. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our LORD, Savior and King. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

- 1. Jesus' Authority Noticed (vv. 21-22)
- 2. Jesus' Authority Challenged (vv. 23-26)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus displays His Authority. **Central Sermon Aim** I want SGBC to affirm Jesus' authority in our lives.