

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

Kingdom Expansion: The Defiled Heart

Mark 7:14-23

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, you are righteous, true, good and pure. Even the holy ones, and the heaven are not pure in your sight, O LORD. How much less can we call upon your name with unclean lips. We confess our hearts are defiled, unworthy and rebellious. We are constantly seeking to create our own standard of righteousness. A standard that we can work toward. A standard we can accomplish given enough time and effort. LORD forgive us. For we foolishly think we can bring something this morning that could sway you or make you more pleased with us. Lord God in heaven you have shown us great mercy and grace. We confess our standing before you is due to your loving us and drawing us near and providing a Savior in the person of Jesus Christ. Grant your Spirit this morning that we might look to Christ by faith and find in Him our joy, our hope, our peace and our purity. In Him alone is our salvation, our deliverance, our redemption. Thank you for gathering us here this morning to hear and understand your Word. Would you give us eyes to see and ears to hear this morning that we might enter with great confidence into your presence knowing we are clean, pure and made right before you in Christ. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Proposition (vv. 14-15)
2. The Explanation (vv. 17-19)
3. The Clarification (vv. 20-23)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus declares the heart as the source of one's defilement.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Jesus Christ as the Savior of our defiled hearts.