

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Calling of His Disciples

Mark 1:16-20

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, you are the King. You possess absolute, sovereign authority over all creation and us this morning. We thank you for your reign, your rule, your good providence. In your infinite power and wisdom you uphold, direct and arrange and govern all creatures & things from the greatest to the least. Thank you Lord. We thank you for calling all things into existence. We thank you for calling for yourself a people that you have blessed throughout history. And we thank you for calling us together this morning to bless us and grant us the joy of turning our hearts to you in worship and adoration. Grant us faith and repentance as your people to worship you in spirit and in truth. Help us Lord. We confess that we have domesticated our understanding of your call to be disciples, to be fishers of men. Grant us, by your Spirit, eyes to see and ears to hear again your call to discipleship, to follow you. Convince us of your comprehensive, direct and powerful call to pursue Christ, to follow Him, and no other. To count anything or anyone who seeks our devotion or our allegiance as the worthless idols that they are and give us hearts that pray with fervent devotion, “*your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*” We ask these things Father, in the name and authority of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Work of Discipleship ~ Simon & Andrew (vv. 16-18)
 - A. Setting
 - B. Summons
 - C. Surrender
2. The Cost of Discipleship ~ James & John (vv. 19-20)
 - A. Setting
 - B. Summons
 - C. Surrender

Central Textual Truth

Jesus comes calling disciples to follow Him.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to come and follow Jesus.