

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

Kingdom Expansion: The Disciple's Participation

Mark 9:38-41

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. You deserve all praise, honore, glory and worship. We confess our hearts desire the praise that is due your name. We long for the authority that is yours alone. We are often bothered and frustrated when our lives don't go according to our plans as if we are the aim and end of all creation. LORD, help us not only affirm in your authority to order all things, decree all that is and work your providence in our lives but grant us your Spirit that we might rejoice and praise you for our lives. The wonderful blessings but also the pressing challenges and struggles. These are all from your fatherly hand and they are for our good. Thank you for gathering us this morning to sing your praises together. Thank you for the prayers of the saints and thank you for allowing us to gather around your Word this morning so that we might know you and revel in your goodness toward us. Come now and speak to us through the preaching of your Word. Cause your Spirit to come and convince us of your presence and confirm in our hearts your promises. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our LORD and Savior. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Disciples' Report of Concern (v. 38)
2. Jesus' Reasons for Commending (vv. 39-41)
 - The Absolute Proof (v. 39)
 - The General Proverb (v. 40)
 - The Important Practice (v. 41)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus Christ calls His disciples to affirm the kingdom's growth outside of their circle .

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to rejoice in Christ's kingdom growing outside our circle.