

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Instruction of our King

Mark 4:1-20

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Father in heaven, Almighty God who speaks. Your Word is the cause of all creation. Your Word sustains all creation. Your creating and sustaining truth will never be shaken. Though the grass may wither and the flower fall your living and abiding Word will endure forever. Thank you. Thank you, LORD, for giving us your Word, your revealed will in the pages of Scripture. Thank you, LORD, for coming in the person of Jesus Christ the Word incarnate, the Eternal Word. We confess this morning, Father, how important and valuable we often assume other words, other messages, other information to be. We live and trust in so many other messages, words, theories and plans. We confess our hearts are drawn to these earthly plans, these worldly strategies for love, satisfaction and joy in our lives. May we turn this morning by faith to trust Jesus Christ & His Word, His message, the gospel. May we come again and revel in the grace of the cross. The hope in His sacrifice. The joy in His righteousness. The peace in His promises. Come now, Holy Spirit, and give us ears to hear by faith your Word preached and as we receive the bread and cup from the table this morning give us eyes to see your word presented and confirmed in us as we partake together. We ask for you to do this for us in the name of Jesus Christ our true Savior, LORD and King. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Teaching to Crowds (v. 1)
2. Teaching by Parables (vv. 2-8)
3. Teaching for Hearing (v. 9)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus teaches the crowds of his kingdom process.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Christ's kingdom process.