

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Forgiveness of our King

Mark 2:1-12

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven and Lord over all the earth, you are merciful, gracious and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. You have forgiven all who trust in the life and death of Jesus Christ. We confess our lack of mercy. We confess the way we hold grudges. We confess our foolish harshness when we do not offer forgiveness. We condemn and remind and emphasize others and their sin while we excuse, overlook and minimize our own sin. Lord, forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. Remind us our desperate need for forgiveness this morning, Father. And in Christ convince us of the lavish grace and mercy we have received in our forgiveness. May your Spirit come to do these great gifts for us this morning as we hear together of Jesus Christ and His salvation through the preaching of your Word. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Operative Faith (vv. 1-5)
 - A. Jesus' Preaching (vv. 1-2)
 - B. Men's Persistence (vv. 3-5)
2. Authoritative Forgiveness (vv. 5-12)
 - A. Forgiveness Questioned (vv. 5-8)
 - B. Forgiveness Confirmed (vv. 9-12)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus has authority to forgive sin.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Christ's authority to forgive our sin.