

The GOSPEL of MARK
Our Call to Discipleship
Kingdom Inauguration: Stay Awake!
Mark 13:32-37

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Faith Father in Heaven. Eternal, Glorious, Blessed Forever. We bless you, O LORD, that you have fixed a day on which you will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom you have appointed; the LORD Jesus Christ our Savior and King. And by this you have given assurance to all by raising him from the dead. ^{Acts 17:31(ESV)}

Oh grant us eyes to look with great joy & expectation to that day when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus: ^{2 Thessalonians 1:7-8(ESV)} And he will come to be glorified in his saints and to be marveled at among all who have believed; ^{2 Thessalonians 1:10(ESV)} for, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ^{1 Thessalonians 4:14(ESV)}

May we consider carefully this morning as we look at your Word together the sure promise of how you will send your angels to gather out of your kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ^{Matthew 13:41(ESV)} and to gather for yourself your precious people, the elect from the four winds; and then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. ^{Matthew 13:43(ESV)}

Grant us faith this morning LORD, according to your promise, that we might wait for the new heavens and the new earth in which righteousness dwells: Lord, grant that, since we are waiting for these, we may be diligent to be found by our LORD Jesus Christ without spot or blemish, and at peace; ^{2 Peter 3:13-14(ESV)} and praying together with lip and heart, "Come Lord Jesus! Come soon"! ^{Revelation 22:20(ESV)} Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Expectant Hope ~ Stay Awake for the Time Will Come (vv. 33-34)
2. Vigilant Warning ~ Stay Awake for the Master Will Come (vv. 35-36)
3. Universal Call ~ Stay Awake for All (v. 37)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus calls His disciples to keep awake in the difficult days ahead.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to keep awake as we await Christ's final return.