

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

Kingdom Inauguration: After the Tribulation

Mark 13:24-27

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in Heaven, you are eternal. Your kingdom is forever and ever. You reign with great power and all glory, honor and praise belongs to you. Lord, we confess our foolish assumption that we are in control, we are in charge, we can manage or direct our lives by our own strength and in our own way. Lord, this independence is always foolish and often rebellion against your rule and reign and sovereign control over all things. Lord, we ask for you to grant us repentance this morning as we live our lives. As we make daily choices. As we plan and order our future. May we submit our lives, choices and plans to your grand and good providence. May we bow, by faith, to your decrees, wise and holy counsel in all aspects of our lives. Lord, we confess the frantic, frustrated, distracted and panic-stricken lives we have ordered for ourselves is not good and can not be sustained. And more importantly bring you no glory and honor. Lord, grant us grace to look with great joy and anticipation to your grand end, the day when you return to make all things right. LORD, unfetter our hearts from the thousand earthly dreams and ambitions we come here with this morning and give us eyes to see and long for your kingdom come, your will be done on earth. May we seek first your kingdom and long for the day when we will be with you forever, resting in your promised glory and peace. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our King. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Cosmos Shakes (vv. 24-25)
2. The Son of Man Comes (v. 26)
3. The Angels Gather (v. 27)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus calls His disciples to hope in His final return.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to hope for Christ's final return.