

Good morning everyone!



Today we hear how Jesus sent his disciples out to spread his word, but even though they had to travel far and wide, Jesus told them not to take any of their belongings with them.

Let's think a bit more about this.

Opening prayer

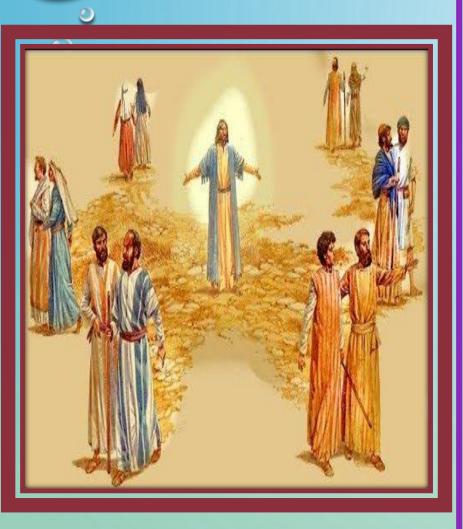


Dear God of truth, inspire us to share all that you have given us and to be friendly and welcoming to all people.





Gospel: Mark 6:7-13



Jesus called the twelve disciples together and sent them out two by two.

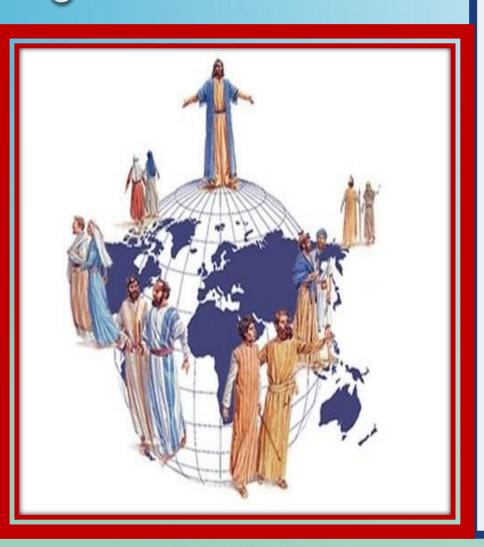
He gave them authority over the evil spirits and ordered them, "Don't take anything with you on your journey except a stick—no bread, no beggar's bag, no money in your pockets. Wear sandals, but don't carry an extra shirt."

He also said, "Wherever you are welcomed, stay in the same house until you leave that place. If you come to a town where people do not welcome you or will not listen to you, leave it and shake the dust off your feet. That will be a warning to them!"

So they went out and preached that people should turn away from their sins. They drove out many demons, and rubbed olive oil on many sick people and healed them.

Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?



Jesus sends his disciples out to spread his word, but what did he say they could take with them?

They weren't allowed to take anything with them except a stick, to help them walk on their journey. They couldn't take a bag, or any food, or any money. Not even a change of clothes! How do you think the disciples felt about this?

When was the last time you went away?

Can you remember it? What did you take with you?

How do you think you would like to go away without any clean clothes, any toys or books, any money to spend?



Gospel reflection

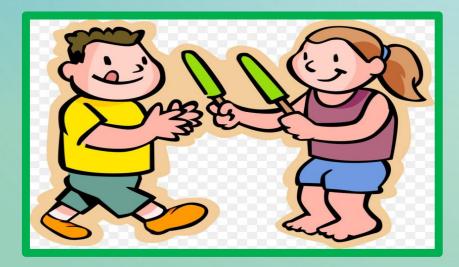
The disciples had nothing – it must have been very difficult. And without food or money to buy food, they could have been very hungry. They had to rely on the people they met along the way being kind and generous, inviting the disciples to stay with them and share their food.

In the world today some people have to leave their homes very quickly, because of fighting nearby, or because of floods or other natural disasters. They do not get to take very much with them – just what they can carry.

Gospel reflection

How do you think the people felt, having to flee their home with their families? And how do you think they felt when others shared their food with them?

All that we have is given to us by God and is meant for all people to share.







Let us Pray We pray together to God who loves us all: We pray for all who have to leave their homes: that they may find a safe place to stay and be welcomed by those that they meet along the way. Lord in your mercy... All Response : Hear our prayers We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may be a place of welcome and safety for all people in need. Lord, in your mercy... All Response : Hear our prayers We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may be generous with what we have been given, sharing with others, so that all people may have enough. Lord, in your mercy... All Response : Hear our prayers

God of love, help us to share your love with others. Open our hearts so that we might welcome all who are in need and do our best to make sure that all people have enough. Lord, in your mercy... All Response : Hear our prayers

THIS WEEK LET'S TRY TO BE OPEN TO OTHERS, SHARE WHAT WE HAVE AND BE FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING TO EVERYONE.

How will you share and be welcoming to others this week?



