

SUNDAY GOSPEL BIBLE SHARING



Wednesday July 17 for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING PRAYER: Good Shepherd, we are the people whom you have gathered beside restful waters so that we can listen to your Word and allow it to penetrate our minds, hearts and deeds. Bless our sharing today and keep us close to your heart. Amen.

In the words of Saint Benedict, “Listen with the ears of your heart.”

- Please note a word, phrase, or verse that seemed to really catch your notice.
- A volunteer slowly read aloud today’s passage Afterwards, we have a few minutes of silent reflection.

READING OF THE ASSIGNED GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark 6: 30-34

The Return of the Twelve.

30 The apostles* gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught.^m

31* He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat.ⁿ

32 So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place.^o

33 People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

34 When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Notes

* [6:30] Apostles: here, and in some manuscripts at [Mk 3:14](#), Mark calls apostles (i.e., those sent forth) the Twelve whom Jesus sends as his emissaries, empowering them to preach, to expel demons, and to cure the sick ([Mk 6:13](#)). Only after Pentecost is the title used in the technical sense.

* [6:31–34] The withdrawal of Jesus with his disciples to a desert place to rest attracts a great number of people to follow them. Toward this people of the new exodus Jesus is moved with pity; he satisfies their spiritual hunger by teaching them many things, thus gradually showing himself the faithful shepherd of a new Israel; cf. [Nm 27:17](#); [Ez 34:15](#).

QUESTIONS FOR SHARING

- 1. What refreshes you when you are exhausted? Where is your “out-of-the-way” place?**
- 2. Jesus’ heart was “moved with pity” for the crowd. What in today’s world or local town moves your heart with pity?**
- 3. Name one thing today’s Gospel says to us that we disciples of Jesus need to heed/ act on.**

Commentary

Here we are given the image of a Shepherd who truly cares for his people. First, he shows concern for his first-time missionaries who return exhausted. He tries to bring them away to a restful place where they can be renewed in spirit. Secondly, Jesus shows himself to be the Good Shepherd to the crowds by feeding them with his Word.

IS THERE A CAUSE FOR GRATITUDE THIS WEEK?

IS THERE A PRAYER REQUEST YOU HAVE?

CLOSING PRAYER - The Lord’s Prayer

Bible Sharing Parish Hall and Zoom
Wednesday, July 17 6:30 – 7:30pm
Weekly on Wednesday

Zoom Meeting

Description: Blessed Sacrament is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Blessed Sacrament's Zoom Meeting

Time: July 17, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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