

The 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mark 6:7-13 Year B

'Take nothing with you.'



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-nb5CR1uec>

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mark

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 oil on many sick people and healed them.

Mark 6:7-13



Now let us think about the Gospel story...

Jesus sends his disciples out in two's to spread his word.

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!

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. They also had to rely on each other to give them courage in their mission. They did not want to let Jesus down.



Jesus also sends us out into the world as his disciples, to share in his mission. This was not an easy mission for the twelve, nor is it easy for us.

He teaches us that when we show our love for those we meet each day, this is how we spread his word and heal and help other people.

Post-it Challenge:

'They weren't allowed to take anything with them except a stick...'

When was the last time you went away?

Can you remember it? It may have been a little while ago...

What did you take with you?

Would like to go away without any clean clothes, any toys or books, any money to spend?

How do you think the disciples felt about this?



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

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Who are the people in your world?

How can you share in Jesus' mission?

How will you let God's light shine in you to show his love for those around you?



Let us pray:

Dear Jesus

Help me to share your love with others.

Let me be the shining light in my world so that I can be kind and loving to my friends and family. Amen



Love one another. Love one another. Love one another.