

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

'Your peace will rest upon him.'

At that time: The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money bag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near." I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.'

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!' And he said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Reflection

In this Gospel, Jesus sends out His friends to share God's love. He tells them to travel light, trust in God, and bring peace to every home they visit. If people welcome them, they should stay and share God's message. If not, they should move on, knowing that God is still with them.

As followers of Jesus and St. Vincent de Paul, we are also sent to bring peace, kindness, and love - especially to those who are poor or struggling. We don't need fancy things to serve others; we just need open hearts, kind hands, and trust in God.

Sometimes, people will accept our kindness, and sometimes they won't. But no matter what, Jesus reminds us that the most important thing is not what we do, but that we belong to God.

Let's go out with joy, share God's love, and bring peace to those around us!

"Go to the poor: you will find God." - St. Vincent de Paul



Materials needed

Paper and Pens

Activity

Jesus sent the 72 to share peace and proclaim God's kingdom, asking them to trust in Him and travel light. Discuss how it might feel to be sent out like this, why Jesus asked them to bring so little, and how we can trust God when sharing our faith feels scary or when people don't respond.

Invite the group to reflect on their shared mission as Vincentians.

- What gifts has God given us as a group?
- How can we bring peace, kindness, and love to those we serve?

Work together to create a short mission statement that reflects the group's calling. For example: "As Vincentians, we are sent to bring peace, share kindness, and serve those in need with open hearts and trust in God."

Create a mission statement poster and display it where you meet.

Call to Action

Live out this mission by doing one small thing this week to bring peace or kindness to someone in need. Like the 72 disciples, their work brings God's love into the world, even when it's not always easy. Perhaps think about how you can use the gifts that you have got to make a difference?

