



ARCHDIOCESE OF PALO-CATECHETICAL MINISTRY
Module 44 (July 11, 2021) 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Cycle B
Theme: We are Baptized and Sent
Mark 6:7-13



INTRODUCTION

Talk about persons from whom they first heard or come to know about God.

What did you learn from them? How do you feel about knowing God?

What do you think made them talk or teach about God?



OPENING PRAYER

Lord, as we read Your word,
 please help us to know, love,
 and understand You better.
 Help us to recognize how You want for us
 to apply Your Word to our life.
 Holy Spirit, may You enlighten our mind
 and enkindle in our heart
 a greater love for You and for others
 in our family and in the world
 as we read Your Word.

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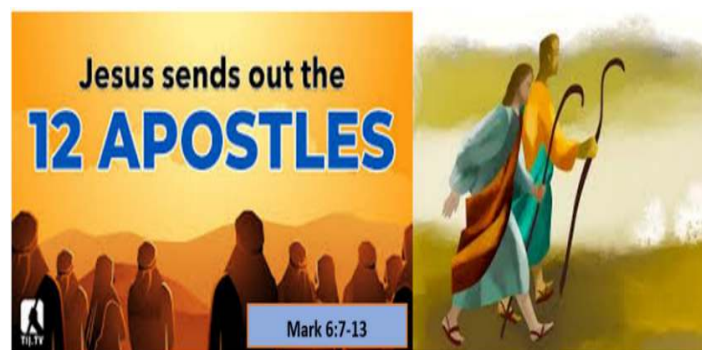
PHASE ONE
REMEMBER THE STORY OF JESUS

1.1 Proclamation of the Gospel Story Mark 6: 7-13

Enthroned the Bible on a table with lighted candle)

A moment of prayerful silence

We will not be able to understand the Word of God unless God himself opens our hearts. Let us now welcome Jesus as he speaks to us through his Word



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.”

So they went off and preached repentance.

The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

.Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

1.2 Brief Guided silent Meditation / Personal Prayer

1.3 Text in Context

The last Sunday Gospel’s reading, we saw Jesus amazed at the hardheartedness of the people of Nazareth. Their minds and hearts were close to the teachings and miracles that Jesus was performing.

On the human side, Jesus could have been discouraged from the rejection of his people. But all the more he doubled his effort going around teaching the people in Galilee, where he observed the urgency of the mission.

Today’s Gospel highlights Jesus sending out of the twelve to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

The Twelve named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark called them “apostles.” which means “one who is sent.” The number twelve is also symbolic, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Let us look at the details of this event.

1. How were the apostles sent out? (he told them to travel in pairs). Why do you think Jesus sent his disciples in pairs to do the mission?
2. What authority did Jesus give to the apostles? Why do you think the driving out of the unclean spirits is so important?
3. What kind of lifestyle does Jesus want from his apostles?
4. What are the only two things that the apostles can take with them as they were sent out. What would they mean for Jesus?
5. What advice did Jesus give to his disciples in places where they are not welcome? (he told them to stay in one house until they were ready to leave from that place.)

PHASE II REFLECT the Story
of the Church
(Teachings of the Church)



1. The Urgency of the Mission

As Jesus goes around the villages with his disciples, he observes the urgent need to reach out to more people who hunger for God. He realizes his human limitation in the task. He cannot do it alone. The apostles have stayed with Jesus, listened to his words, and have seen his healing.

So now he calls them again and to “send them out two by two” in the middle of his ministry among the people to help him. Jesus does not give them any certificate of training to do the work, nor any materials like newsprint and markers. This is a sort of OJT (on-the-job training) before the Resurrection of

Jesus following the coming to the Holy Spirit when the apostles would be officially commissioned to go out to the whole world.

What do apostles bring for the mission work?

The apostles have not fully known Jesus. But what they have heard and seen and experienced from him what be shared with others without delay:

REPENTANCE - God's mercy and forgiveness are abundant for those who repent.

ALL ARE EQUAL- All are welcome in the kingdom of God, both sinners and righteous.

JOY OF BELONGING TO GOD -There is joy in believing and living in freedom as children of the same Father.

The apostles need not worry about anything to bring with them for the mission. They only need a walking stick and sandals, which will help them travel on foot much easier. Mission work does not stop. It is always on the go. More importantly, they have to depend on God who gives them the authority to do wonderful things. Preaching is centered on God and the message of his kingdom. *All that they have to give is what they have received from Jesus, qualities that can't be contained in a sack or carried on a belt.* They have nothing to be proud of. What they can do comes from the graciousness of God.

2. What are the qualities of a missionary disciple?

The disciples' lifestyle is simple and does not seek comfort. They must be thankful for whatever is served at the homes of those who welcome them

Like Jesus, the first missionary of the Father, he lives simply and has to depend for his needs on the people during his public ministry.

The foxes have holes and the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head. (Lk 9:58)

The disciples have to stand firm in the midst of rejection. The man who preaches God must be a man of God. In peace, they shake off the dust of their feet where they are not welcome. This is a sign of people's refusal and their choice to be separated from the kingdom of God. This is part of mission work. What matters is that salvation or the saving love of God is offered to all.

A disciple is not only a follower of Jesus but also a missionary who has a great love for the kingdom of God.

A missionary disciple proclaims God's love, not from one's capacity, but his/her connectedness with Jesus, actively present in the Church

3. Who is called and sent?

We are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our union with the Holy Trinity makes us a family. *Together with so many of our other brothers and sisters, we are born into a new life. This divine life is not a product for sale – ... – but a treasure to be given, communicated, and proclaimed: that is the meaning of mission.*

At our baptism, we were given a share in the mission of Christ as priest, prophet, and king. As a prophet, we are to proclaim God's mercy and love to many who are indifferent in their faith or even have not known God.

A disciple does not proclaim God's word on his own. He/she is sent by Jesus through the Church. A disciple does not necessarily mean "a priest or a sister/ brother". By our baptism, we are all called to participate in God's mission. *There is a new awareness that missionary activity is a matter for all Christians, for all dioceses and parishes, Church institutions and associations.*

(Pope St. John Paul II)

Some of us may have a special call from God to reach out other people of other culture. This is Missio Ad gentes or mission to people of other nations. Let us think of the early missionaries who first came to our respective areas.

See the date of foundation of some of our parishes. Know the missionaries who started the Christian community especially here in the Visayan Region.

PHASE THREE RESPOND – with/ in my personal faith /community faith story

Pope Francis reminds us:

This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn; they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love.

What thoughts come to your mind about mission?

Do you consider yourself a mission? Why?

What does mission do to your life as a believer of Christ?

What can you contribute to the Church as we celebrate the Missio Ad Gentes this year on the occasion of the 500 years anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines?



CLOSING PRAYER

Pope Francis' Mission Prayer

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

BACKGROUND FOR THE CATECHISTS

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church 541.

The essential characteristic of the lay faithful who work in the Lord's vineyard (cf. Mt 20:1-16) is the secular nature of their Christian discipleship, which is carried out precisely in the world. "It belongs to the laity to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God's will". By Baptism, the laity are incorporated into Christ and are made participants in his life and mission according to their specific identity. "The term 'laity' is here understood to mean all the faithful except those in Holy Orders and those who belong to a religious state approved by the Church. That is, the faithful who, by Baptism are incorporated into Christ, are placed in the People of God and in their own way share the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ, and to the best of their ability carry on the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world"