



**Sunday Activity
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February 27, 2022
Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, “Can a blind person lead a blind person? Won’t they both fall into a pit? No disciple is greater than the teacher; but when fully taught, every disciple will be like the teacher. Why do you notice the speck in your brother’s eye, but you do not notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye,’ when you do not notice the log in your own eye? You hypocrite! First remove the log from your own eye; then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

“No good tree bears bad fruit, and a bad tree does not bear good fruit. Every tree can be known by its fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, and they do not gather grapes from brambles. A good person produces good, from the goodness in his heart. But an evil person produces evil, from his store of evil. For the mouth speaks from what is in the heart.”

2 Reflection

Jesus begins this Gospel with a very interesting parable. He speaks about a person who has a wooden beam in his eye, but does not even notice it, and instead tries to remove the splinter from another person's eye. This may seem like a funny thing to imagine, but the splinter and the wooden beam represent sin. One person in the parable is very concerned to remove another person's sin, but doesn't even notice his own, much larger sin. That sin is making him blind, and until he deals with his own sin, he cannot lead anyone else.

Then Jesus makes it even more clear. We all want to "bear good fruit," in other words, to produce goodness. But Jesus says that only good trees produce good fruit, and only good people produce goodness, from the goodness in their hearts. The first thing we must do is allow Jesus to create good hearts in us. Sin gets in the way of that. So Jesus is challenging us to examine ourselves carefully and see if we have any wooden beams (sin) that need to be cleared away. Then we can produce good fruit and help others with their own splinters.

3 Discussion Questions

How does sin get in the way of goodness in our hearts?

Why is it important to see our own sin more clearly than other people's sins?

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Vocabulary

- **Disciple** – A person who follows and learns from a teacher. The disciples of Jesus followed Him and learned from Him.
- **Hypocrite** – A person who tells other people to do something, but does not do it himself.
- **Sin** – Anything we do that is against God's law. When we sin, we turn away from God.
- **Parables** – Stories that Jesus told to teach a lesson.

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Fill in the Blank

- 1) To help people understand His teachings, Jesus told many _____.
- 2) Jesus said not to be a _____, but to try to do the things that we teach others to do.
- 3) The most dangerous thing in the world is _____ because it leads us away from God.
- 4) Jesus had many _____ who tried to learn from Him.

- 1) What type of fruit does a good tree produce?
 - A) Good fruit
 - B) Rotten fruit
 - C) Apples and pears
 - D) No fruit

- 2) What does a good person produce?
 - A) Figs
 - B) Goodness
 - C) Evil
 - D) Grapes

- 3) Whose sin does Jesus tell us we must focus on first?
 - A) Our friends' sin
 - B) Our family's sin
 - C) Our enemy's sin
 - D) Our own sin

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DISCIPLE
 GOODNESS
 HYPOCRITE
 PARABLE
 SIN
 SPLINTER





Fill in the Blank

- 1) Parables
- 2) Hypocrite
- 3) Sin
- 4) Disciple

Quiz:

- 1) A – Good fruit
- 2) B – Goodness
- 3) D – Our own sin