

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel – Adapted from Mark 1:29-39

When he left the synagogue, Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. They immediately told Jesus about her. He came and took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her, and she served them.

When it was evening, people brought all who were sick or troubled by evil spirits. The whole city gathered around the door. He healed many of the sick and drove out many evil spirits, not allowing them to speak because they knew who he was.

In the morning, he got up very early and went to a private place to pray. Simon and the others went after him, and when they found him, they said, "Everyone is searching for you." He told them, "Let us go on to other towns so I can preach there also. This is what I came to do." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out evil spirits throughout all of Galilee.



Reflection

In the Gospel today, Jesus performs many wonderful healings. He is preaching to the people, freeing them from evil spirits, and healing their diseases. The people want Jesus to stay with them. In the morning, when Jesus is off praying, His Apostles tell Him that the whole town is looking for Him. You can imagine how excited they must have been about what Jesus was doing. They probably hoped He would settle down there.

But Jesus had to go to many more towns. Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus's mission is about saving people, bringing all people to God.

The healings that Jesus performed were amazing, but He came for healing of the soul, not of the body.

It is easy to get distracted from what's really important, or what God really wants us to do.

When people are impressed with us, or want to honor us, it may be tempting to settle down and bask in the glory. But God has given all of us some wonderful thing to do. It may not be celebrated by other people, but if we are faithful, it will give God glory, and lead people to Him.



Discussion Questions

When people honor us, what is something we can do to make sure that God receives glory?

What can we do to help us understand what God may be asking of us?

Vocabulary

- **Discernment** – Understanding what God is calling us to do
- **Glory** – Great honor. We should always try to give God glory, and not to honor ourselves.
- **Synagogue** – Jewish meeting place of prayer, where the people came together to pray and honor God. Jesus often preached in the synagogues.
- **Vocation** – God's call for each person, what God wants a person to do

Fill in the blanks

1 _____ is very important, so that we can know what God wants us to do.

2 Jesus often preached in a town's _____, teaching people about God.

3 Many people try to keep _____ for themselves; we must give it all to God.

4 God will call you to a _____, in which you can serve God and be happy.

Quiz

1 Whom did Jesus cure of a fever in the Gospel?

- A The daughter of a soldier
- B Simon's mother-in-law
- C Andrew's wife
- D John the Baptist

2 Whom did Jesus not allow to speak?

- A Simon
- B Andrew
- C John's mother-in-law
- D Evil spirits

3 What did Jesus do early in the morning?

- A Had a large breakfast
- B Cured the sick
- C Went to the sea to fish
- D Went to a private place to pray

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DISCERNMENT

GLORY

MIRACLES

PREACHING

SYNAGOGUE

VOCATION

Answers:

Fill in the blanks

- 1 Discernment
- 2 Synagogue
- 3 Glory
- 4 Vocation

Quiz

- 1 B - Simon's mother-in-law
- 2 D - Evil spirits
- 3 D - Went to a private place to pray



