

The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, shimmering path of light across the water's surface. The sky is a pale, hazy orange. In the foreground, an open book with white pages is laid flat on a dark surface, its pages slightly curved as if being turned. The text is overlaid on this scene in a classic, dark brown serif font.

**Getting Ready for Sunday!**

**14 July 2024**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# The Sending Out of the Twelve Apostles



Mark 6:7-13

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two,  
and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.



Jesus sent the apostles out  
with a companion! They  
had the support and  
friendship of one another.

Who are the people that  
Jesus has given to support  
and challenge you?

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.



Jesus encouraged the apostles to let go of things that they did not need so that they could travel with greater ease.

What things, or grudges, or ideas, or people hold you back from doing what you know is right, loving and just?

What do you need to let go of to travel life's journey with greater ease?



He said to them:

Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.



If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.



Jesus does not force Himself on anyone!  
Each person is offered the opportunity to know God through Baptismal commitment.

So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



The apostles were sent out to do exactly what Jesus did!

They were to be Christ for others!

Who is Jesus sending you to today?



## **Bible Search**

**Read Mark 6:7-13 in your family Bible**



# SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

## Mark 6:7-13

1. Jesus gave the disciples a share in his mission by sending them out ahead of him. It was a gesture of trust and confidence on his part, even though they did not fully understand his mission. Have you ever been surprised by the trust shown to you by others to speak or act on their behalf?
2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. Perhaps your experience gives you examples of the value of having another with you when engaged in an important task.
3. The apparently strange instructions given by Jesus were intended to counteract practices by bogus preachers who used preaching as a mask for money-making. The disciples of Jesus focus on the mission and not on their own comforts. Is it your experience that vested interests can impede a task, whereas having the right motives makes your mission more effective?
4. The task of the disciples was to call people to repent (metanoia = conversion, change the way we look at God and at other people). Who have been the disciples, the people in your life who have called you to be more trusting in God? To whom have you given this call?

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# Consider



*What is God asking of you today?*

# Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to hear  
where God is sending you.

Ask God to help you to  
become more open to seeing  
Jesus in ordinary places.

