## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

## **PRAY**

1. Friday at Stonehill – Cursillo Retreat for Prisoners – Dinner at 9:30

20 men bringing the Good News to Prison

Within the prison now there are over 200 prisoners

- o Bible Studies
- o Prayer Groups
- o Evangelizing other prisoners
- o They are BRINGING THE GOOD NEWS

God's Love is Unconditional Repent and believe the Gospel - forgiveness is yours

2. Jonah @ Nineveh – Repent (Same as John the B. – Same as Jesus)

## **Bringing the Good News**

"Nineveh was an enormous city ... it took 3 days to go through it"
"Jonah had gone but a single day"
HE WAS ONLY A THIRD OF THE WAY INTO THE CITY
"when the people of Nineveh believed God and proclaimed a fast"

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil ways
HE REPENTED THAT'S THE POWER OF EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE

3. In today's Gospel we have Jesus calling the disciples:

To Bring the Good News

It says "they left their father Zebedee in the boat" Why didn't he follow? A lifetime of work is a lot to abandon. There is a cost to discipleship.

Jesus says "This is the time of the fulfillment" NOT It's coming, NOT It's almost here – Jesus says "this is it"

JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT The reign of God is here!

4. Others preach the Good News - But Jesus IS the Good News

Man on the T announced his engagement to the entire train LOVE FROM THE HEART HAD FOUND A RESPONSE AND HE COULDN'T KEEP STILL ABOUT IT

- Men at the prison sharing their faith love from the heart they can't keep still about
- THIS SAME GOOD NEWS IS OURS THIS IS OUR FAITH

All consuming reality that God loves us & yearns to forgive our sin We can be Nineveh, or we can be Zebedee – we have a choice