

16th Sunday Ordinary Time - B

- **Last week** we heard about Jesus sending out disciples two by two
 - With no money, no food, no sack, no 2nd tunic
 - But they were empowered to cast out demons – to confront evil
- **This week** they return & they are tired
 - And Jesus says “come aside and rest awhile”
 - 8 months ago Ginni and I left for the island of ANDROS
 - Now we return – to you.
 - We have many stories so I’ll share a few
 - FIRST THING – It is the power of HS bearing fruit (we’re tools)
 - Jesus had to empower the 12 before they left – us too (HS is key)
 - CCD 35 – 57. Twenty 1st Communion – Beat Them (work to do)
 - We have some very poor, desperate people (Kirkwood)
 - We had a visiting choir (our collection) (their donation)
 - Daria (I was the winner)
- When the disciples returned to Jesus he said “come aside and rest”
 - We all need to take time apart to rest – to get little peace in our lives
 - But the best we can do on our own is something I call **‘piecemeal peace’**
 - Piecemeal peace is the absence of conflict, *but under the covers* ...
 - 3 Churches 1 Bazaar – not this year – so they avoid each other
 - Conflict isn’t visible – but its not resolved – its simmering
 - On national scene - It’s like a peace that requires troops to enforce it
 - That’s not peace – the conflict is under control, but it isn’t peace.
 - There’s only one way to the finding true peace
 - **There can be no true lasting peace (no healing) w/o forgiveness**
 - **The only source of true forgiveness is Jesus**
- Jesus calls the disciples aside to rest awhile – where? – **with Him**
 - God’s peace is different
 - What was the Good News Jesus sent with the disciples last week?
 - Repent & be forgiven
 - True Peace comes through forgiveness
 - Forgiveness of sin is only possible through Jesus

Jesus called the disciples to come and rest – He calls us too.

Jesus promised

Come to me all who labor & I will give you rest – and Jesus keeps His promises