

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

- Interesting Gospel – doesn't seem fair does it
 - Show up at dawn and get the same pay as those that show up at 5
 - That's not fair – is it?
 - JC doesn't say its fair – He says this is what the KOG is like
 - Let's start by looking at the 1st reading & see how Isaiah explains JC's parable
- Israel has just returned from the Babylonian exile
Jerusalem is destroyed, the walls of the city are torn down, temple is in ruins – chaos
They are desperate – and they begin to despair
Have you ever had that feeling that you are so very alone, so lost, hopeless?
 - What do we do? What should we do?The answer is the 1st line of ISAIAH:
“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call on Him while He is near”
In our tough times – desperate time – in despair – SEEK THE LORD

- Here's how that helps explain this 'unfair' parable
 - Two things are going on in today's Gospel:
 1. The landowner **constantly** looks for those to work in his vineyard.
The day has started, workers are hired, they agree to a wage
YET He keeps looking for more & again, & again – and he finds them
 2. **NB -** Workers don't come to him – the Master seeks the workers BUT
They make themselves available
They have to be in the marketplace
Could have stayed home Could have slept in BUT . . .
- So here is the question:
Are WE still standing around waiting to be found?
Are we even in the marketplace?

Listen:

Our relationship with God begins by being found – we are like lost sheep & Lord's looking for us
It doesn't matter if we're found at dawn
or at 9, or noon, or 3, or 5
What matters is that we're found!

Isaiah says **“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call on Him while He is near”**

It is true that the Lord seeks us out – just like the landowner

BUT we don't have to be passively waiting to hear the call like these workers

We CAN seek Him too

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call on Him while He is near”

The truth is if we are serious about being Christian

Its time we get in the game -

Jn 10:10 “I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly”

Do you have abundant life? Why not?

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call on Him while He is near”

God is calling us – & it's never too late to respond