

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time A

This Sunday we hear about the calling of the 12 – and their being sent to serve.

What's this mean for us? - Think about it →

- Jesus had been ministering for awhile now.

**This is after the Sermon on the Mount, after the healings, cleansing of lepers, casting out demons**

- Now Jesus calls the 12 – *by name* – and gives them authority **to do the same.**
- Immediately after establishing His authority –
  - He shows His intent to share that authority – that same power.
- Compare this to Exodus:
  - God alone frees Israel from slavery - God alone defeats the Egyptians
  - God alone raises them up on eagles wings
  - **Jesus wanted co-workers** (still does)
    - Jesus not only shares his mission – *He shares his authority*
    - Jesus chose very ordinary people
      - Not professionals, No wealth, No position
      - No special education, No social advantages
      - Ordinary people that did ordinary things
      - *He chose them NOT for what they were –*
      - *But for what they were capable of becoming*
- Jesus does the same today – entrusting the ministry & **authority** to us
  - When we are called (AND WE ARE)
  - We shouldn't think we have nothing to offer
  - The Lord takes ordinary people doing ordinary things **for His glory**
  - Ordinary people, (like us) can do extraordinary things with Jesus
    - HE KNOWS OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS
    - And if we respond ... *power!* Look at what 12 fishermen did
      - Ordinary people CAN do extraordinary things
  - In Exodus God called them OUT OF their homes & into desert
  - NO - That's not what happened:
    - God didn't call them to Sinai, called them into Himself
    - An intimate, personal call, unto Himself – **US TOO!**
  - In MT God sent the 12 TO their homes, to Israel, to family
    - **Before evangelizing the world, they start at home.**
    - US TOO
      - Bringing RCIA Candidates WE CAN DO THAT
      - Teaching our Youth WE CAN DO THAT
      - Feeding the Hungry - the NWD food pantry
      - St. V de P - pipes
        - Ordinary people doing ordinary things can change the world
        - It can start right here. WHY NOT?