

JULY 5, 2015
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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Jesus sends out his followers to tell, teach and serve.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the Twelve
Monday	Jeremiah 1:4-19	The Lord sends Jeremiah
Tuesday	Acts 7:30-38	The Lord sends Moses
Wednesday	Luke 10:1-17	Jesus sends the Seventy-Two
Thursday	Matthew 10:5-16	Jesus instructs the Twelve
Friday	Matthew 10:26-39	Jesus instructs the Twelve
Saturday	Psalms 119:81-88	Prayer under persecution
Sunday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Spiritual blessings in Christ

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But the Lord said to me, "My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak." 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIRV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, your grace is all we need. Please work through our weaknesses to show your power. Amen. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, all good things come from you. Give us hearts that are grateful, and lips that are true. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord show you his grace. May he fill your life with his power. Amen. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- When you go on a trip, what things do you like to take with you?
- Jesus sent out his twelve disciples to preach to others and to help them (Mark 6:7-13). He told them to go without food, money and bags. Why do you think he told them to take so little with them?
- The disciples needed to rely on God to provide for them as they went out to do his work. In what ways do you need to look to or rely on God more?

DEVOTIONS

In your home devotion times this week, make a list or draw pictures of ways you have seen God's power at work, whether in nature or in people or events around you. Give thanks for those things. Read and discuss one or more of these verses that speak of God's power: Matthew 19:26; 1 Chronicles 29:12; 1 Corinthians 1:25; Psalm 89:8-9,11,13; and Isaiah 40:28-31.

SERVICE

When Jesus went back to his home town of Nazareth, he wasn't made to feel very welcome, even by his own family (Mark 6:1-6). We can easily take our relatives and friends for granted. Work on showing appreciation for one another as a household this week. Brainstorm ways in which this can happen. Post a list of ideas as a reminder and encouragement for those in your household.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Is there someone who has moved to your area to minister to others in the name of Jesus? Plan to invite them to your home for a meal to show them your appreciation and support. Make this an annual tradition for your household by designating a particular week as your "Ministry Appreciation Week." At the same time each year, invite someone in ministry into your home to experience your hospitality and encouragement.



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