

3rd Sunday of the Year B Cycle 2018

Who does he choose: every day people; fishermen

Lincoln: "God must love everyday people: he made so many of them!"

It was as if Jesus said; "Give me 12 men, and with them, IF they give themselves to me, I will change the world.

A people should not think so much of what they are as of what Jesus Christ can make of them.

Not the first time they had heard Jesus.

Stayed after to listen to him.

He had tugged at their hearts.

They followed their hearts.

The Kingdom of God (the reign of God) is at hand!

How different from Jonah in the first reading.

Reluctant and obstructionist.

- **No love of God**
- **No love of neighbor**
- **No gratitude for what God had done for him.**

Where are we in our call?

Where are we in our relationship with Christ?

Have we encountered him?

Treasure in the field

Find; sell all you have; buy the field.

Build the kingdom of God

- **Agriculture**

- **Libraries in the West**
- **Hospitals**
- **Social work**

Examples from today:

Religious women working with our faith community;

O’Hair Park Community Association

Parish committed to neighborhood: Daughters of Charity (100, 000 grant

Parish committed to youth: Mercy Sisters 80,000 over the past eight years

Parish committed to affordable housing: Adrian Dominican Sisters donating over \$90,000 over the years.

Three steps:

- 1. Encounter with Christ (adult who is searching)**
- 2. Be committed to his message of the kingdom**
- 3. Discover your gift: Called and Gifted in two weeks**

Married couple:

Ken Bark and his wife: North Korean immigrant

An engineer running a cleaners so that his son can enter medical school

Few committing themselves to Christian marriage, priesthood or religious life

Have not yet had a deep enough encounter with Christ, love his Kingdom, and commit yourself to the work.

Remember, when the task looks impossible, Jesus only started with 12 men.

They found the great treasure in the field.

They sold EVERYTHING.

They bought it.