



## **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 2, 2022**

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Scripture: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4    2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14    Luke 17:5-10

### ***HUNGER AWARENESS WEEKEND***

Action: Invite someone/youth to help you

Hold up a dinner plate, and ask the person if they begin their dinner by putting the plate in the dishwasher. They will shake their heads no. Have them describe the steps that a dinner plate goes through each night before it is washed in a dishwasher or by hand: Examples = It comes out of the cupboard, goes on the table, gets filled with food, is scraped off after dinner, and then goes into the dishwasher. Explain that this is the correct order, so that everyone can enjoy dinner.

Jesus knew the correct order for dinner in his day: The slave from the field prepares supper for the master, puts on an apron, serves the master and then later the slave eats and drinks (Luke 17:8). If the slave took his plate before serving the master, it would be like putting the plate in the dishwasher before dinner!

We do not have slaves today, which is a good thing, but we are still supposed to be servants of Jesus. Right?

What are we obliged to do?

To me the point Jesus tells us today, reminds me/us that if we are able to put food on our plate – could we help out where people are struggling to put food on their plate? It is how we serve the Lord.

This weekend we try to do that with Hunger Awareness Weekend, which includes:

- This week we have the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack – try to make 750,000 meals and pay for them (Reminder each person who packs are using about \$50 of material for your shift)

- We have a food collection on non-perishable food for Paul's Pantry collection – Until October 8<sup>th</sup>

- Throughout the year St. Patrick's Food Pantry – non-perishable foods in the cabinet

- Check your grocery store – when I shop at Webster Market – they have a bag of groceries you can buy when you check out – I always grab one – Glad they do that – good reminder for me

- We are invited to sign letters to Senators Baldwin and Johnson and Representative Gallagher to support the Global Food Security Bill to help provide food in key areas of concern right now in our world. At least 47 million people in 81 countries need our help.

The point the Lord makes throughout the gospels is we need to take care of those in need as best as we can – they are our brothers and sisters – it is a 52-week process. We are obliged to help put food on the plates – so to speak – of those that need our help.

Thanks for listening and for your help to address hunger locally and throughout the world.

Prayer: Bringing Home the Word