

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 9/15/20

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

SIR 27:30—28:7

PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (The Lord is near to all who call upon him)

PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A

MT 20:1-16A

GOSPEL:

- Jesus likens the Kingdom of God to a Vineyard.
 - Think of the aspects of the vineyard that make this so appropriate. The need for work, the growing vines, the production of fruit, the brining in the many grapes into one wine.
- He calls for laborers for the vineyard and offers them the “daily wage” What is the wage that Jesus insinuates that the Father (the Master) will give to those who heed the call?
- He does not only go out one time, but over and over again. What does this day symbolize? What do the many attempts symbolize? Why do some not come right away?
- What is the “day’s burden and the heat” that they speak about?
- Some think that they have been cheated, why? What is their view of the others? How does the Master respond?
- What do you think happened at the end of the day for those who did not come?
- “The first will be last, and the last will be first” - what does this mean?

FIRST READING:

- Seek the Lord while he may be found. Will He not be able to be found at some point?
- Call while he is still near. Will he not be near at some point? How? Why?
- God, however, is generous and forgiving. But, is there a time limit on our side?
- We may think differently. But God’s thoughts and ways are not ours. They are so far above our ways and thoughts (the distance from heaven to earth) that we might not be able to actually grasp them.
 - What do we do then if we cannot fully grasp these ways?
 - What is it that we can grasp? ... and do?

SECOND READING:

- “Christ will be magnified in my body,” what does that mean?
- Life is to be found in Christ - death is only a way to be closer, not to be afraid of.
- While in the flesh it is a time to labor. This labor can be FRUITFUL (think of vineyard)
- He longs to depart from this life, but will stay as long as there is work to be done. For God’s ways are above ours - he will cooperate and do what is necessary.

—Closing Prayer