

JANUARY 14, 2018



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1 SAMUEL 3:3B-10, 19

PSALM 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

1 CORINTHIANS 6:13C-15A, 17-20

JOHN 1:35-42

REFLECTION

This week the readings reflect the way in which God is calling us to act. In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians we are reminded that God's desire for us is to live well. All good gifts from God, including food and sexuality, are meant to be enjoyed to the fullest but they also can be misused. If they are, we miss out on the joy and purpose that God intends. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus invites each of us to come and see. That his word is true and everlasting. "Come, and you will see" (v. 39) is God's invitation for fellowship and communion with the One who made us in love. It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his grace, mercy, and help we could not find him. When we discover something very important and valuable, it's natural to want to share it with those closest to us. Andrew immediately went to his brother Simon and told him the good news of his discovery of Jesus. Jesus reached out to Simon in the same way he did to Andrew earlier. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know Jesus personally, of power to live the Gospel faithfully, and of courage to witness to others the joy and truth of the Gospel. This step must start with our action.

ACTION

Pray that you can follow Paul's reminder of acting to glorify God, and that you accept God's invitation for communion with him. This week do some sort of action that God instructs through these readings. Act to be an instrument of faith, hope, and justice for people in need.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- How do you treat people who are in need? How much is service to poor people a part of your life?
- When have you acted in a way that God was calling you to? How did this feel?