

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Setting Priorities

- **Sharing the Gift of Prophecy • Numbers 11:25-29**
- **Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14**
- **Saving the Right Focus • James 5:1-6**
Sharing Our Possessions • Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Key Passage: *Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. (James 5:4)*

Adult Question: What are the three most important values motivating your daily decisions?

Child Question: Could a poor person who is wise be richer in a way than a foolish person who has many things? Why?

Take Time to Talk

- Consider the power in invoking the name of Jesus. Where else in the Gospels does Jesus encourage us to invoke his name? (Hint: John 14:14)
- In what way do my actions lead people toward holiness or lead them toward sin?
- In today's Gospel, Jesus uses graphic imagery to depict the seriousness of the
- Consequences of sin. Although Jesus is not being literal about cutting off one's body part, he is trying to make clear that sin can have eternal consequences. Do you think people today take the consequences of sin seriously? What is it that we can do to receive forgiveness for sins?