



*Small Group Newsletter*  
*St. Mary of the Visitation Parish*  
*Cambridge, (H) ONT.*



**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**June 10, 2018**

**Introduction to the Word:**

Life has some real moments of challenge and decision. Sometimes shifting your perspective during some of life's most defining moments can make the difference - those moments can be real Game Changers.

**Warm-up Activity:** (5-10 minutes)

Consider our message series so far – what is one point, lesson or “take away” that stands out for you?

**Let us pray together our Heart to Home Prayer:**

*God Our Heavenly Father, we long to make our thoughts your thoughts,  
and our ways your ways. As we prepare with attentive mind and open heart  
to hear your Word Lord, we long to be empowered with your Spirit  
so that we may bring your Word to our families, our parish and our communities.  
This, our prayer, we make through the intercession of Our Lady of the Visitation and in name of  
Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

**GOSPEL** (Mark 3:20-35)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went home and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

And Jesus called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” - for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then His mother and His brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And Jesus replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” **The Gospel of the Lord.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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**Reflection:**

We are in final week of our message series – Game Changer – we examined how we all have moments that do in fact change our purpose, our plans and our priorities – they may be moments which are transformational or they may be moments we see as mundane, but they all can be Game Changer moments. Pentecost Sunday, which was a Game Changer for the early Church, taught us to see the three signals that a Game Changer on the horizon ([listen to the message for them in detail](#)) but they are: *Openness to The Breath of God, Being Lead by God and Speaking the Truth of God.* Then last weekend, on the Feast of the Trinity we were exposed to the qualities of God - the song of Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and they pose a melody - which we can make our song! We were led to ask what song do we sing? What qualities define the tune of your life to the degree that they have become game changers for you? ([Listen to that message here](#)). In our third week, (last week) we pause for the [Feast of Corpus Christi \(Body of Blood of Jesus\)](#). Here we are reminded of the immense love of God that His Son would die upon the cross, but also become so visible and accessible to us that in a simple Host He waits for us. Our reminder was that the Eucharist is the nourishment we need to be a Game Changer.

As we seek to *allow every person to have a life changing encounter with Jesus* we now slide into the season of Ordinary Time, and ponder if we are (in all moments ordinary and profound) co-operating with God's Divine Plan for us. Whether or not we know it, God had a **DIVINE PLAN** when He created us: to know Him, love and serve Him, and to reside with Him forever in His kingdom. Yet at times, somethings can move us away from doing so. Our message this weekend invites us to consider if we believe basic principles about our path toward God's Divine Plan for us – for if we do, if we share them, and seek to live - these will be real Game Changers for all of us.

**Questions for Discussion:** (15-20 minutes)

- ✓ Four basic principles guides our cooperation with God's Divine Plan - discuss each and how you seek to make them real in your life?
  1. **First, believe that God wants you there (Faith)**
  2. **Live, like you want to get there. (Courage)**
  3. **Plan to be there- immerse yourself in the GPS to get there- His Word! (Fortitude)**
  4. **When you fall and fail - believe the first three and keep trying (God's Mercy)**
- ✓ Discuss the traits associated with each in brackets and ask which help you most to be game changers?

**Moving Forward in Prayer** (15-20 minutes)

*This time is reserved for quiet prayer as well as for an action-response to the communal reflections. You may wish to create and add petitions of prayer at this time. It is also intended to provide moments to "outreach" to the community.*

- As the month of June rolls in, discuss your summer plans for your group – how will you serve this Summer and ensure the Song of Your Life “makes disciples”.
- Save [August 18<sup>th</sup> for Summer Serve](#) – hope your group can participate

Leader: Let us seek the intercession of the Patroness of our Parish as we pray: **Hail Mary**