THINK ON THESE THINGS…..

Reading: Matthew 10:5 – 8

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter
any town of the Samaritans. 6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim this message:
'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have
leprosy,[a] drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Reflection:

Everyone likes to feel special. Many people seek to have that need met through their faith. This is why people of faith so often think of themselves as chosen by God, children of God, God's special ones. In itself, there is nothing wrong with finding a place of acceptance and affirmation in our faith, and the Scriptures certainly do speak of God as choosing certain people and groups for specific tasks in God's purpose. The problem comes when we use our sense of chosenness as an excuse to see and treat other people as less, or as not chosen.

Whenever God calls someone—and it would be hard to argue that there is anyone who is not called by God - it is never to make them look good, or for their personal benefit. God's calling is always for the sake of others. That's why the call to be a disciple of our Lord speaks of both election and sacrifice.

God always wants to partner with everyone in order to bring justice and love into the world. Our calling is to live by the values, priorities, and purposes of God's Reign so that the world may become more just, inclusive, welcoming, compassionate, connected, and generous.

Breath-Prayer: Loving God, may we respond to your call this week and become a blessing to others as a result.