

**The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and said.**

**They were already committed to the Lord.**

**They had heard and been inspired by his preaching,**

**And Impressed by his miracles.**

**They may have had a very close personal experience of his healing power**

- **Peter's mother-in-law**
- **Jairus who experienced the healing of his daughter**
- **The woman with the flow of blood**
- **The paralyzed man**
- **The woman caught in adultery.**

**By his preaching, healing and miracles,**

**Yes, by the very dynamic of his personality and his message,**

**They had committed themselves to spreading the message of the kingdom of God.**

**Is that what we do each Sunday?**

**Do we not gather as his disciples to report all that we had done and taught.**

**All that we have been trying to do in our families, work places, neighborhoods and world to help bring about the kingdom of God.**

- **youth going to camp for the first time,**
- **someone graduating and going on to the next level of education or the workforce**
- **40 houses boarded up in the neighborhood**
- **How the new little free libraries are going**
- **Lights in O'Hair Park**

**We report it to each other as the Body of Christ and we share it with the Lord.**

**And what does Jesus do with his disciples?**

**He takes them to an out of the way place.**

**What does this passage in Mark remind us of?**

**Mark 4???**

**Jesus has been busy in Capharnum, preaching, healing and expelling demons.**

**He goes to an out of the way place and spends the whole night in prayer with his Father.**

**Come away in an out of the way place to renew his relationship with the source of his strength and life.**

**We hear in today's second reading in St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians how Jesus came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

**Yes, Jesus came to renew himself in his life with his Father in the Spirit. Now he invites his disciples to come to an out of the way place to do the same.**

**I complement you for coming to an out of the way place today to renew that relationship with Jesus and his Father in the Spirit.**

**Build that into our daily schedule.**

**Name: the out of the way place.**

**Take time:**

**Be refreshed:**

**Old crotchety guy in the neighborhood:**

**Lived here 38 years.**

**Wants things to remain just as they have been.**

**Complaining that programs may be coming into the park.**

**Is not open to the Spirit.**

**We need to be open to the Spirit.**