



## ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERMON  
7-3-16

Randy and I – two by two – ready

Need 68 others to join us. – serious – we are the laborers

How might we do this work today?

Not two by two – although that form of evangelism is used by some (Jehovah's Witnesses)

Do it however/whenever you can. In this community you are never alone – remember we are around for assistance, for assurance, for encouragement, - and the Holy Spirit proceeds you.

And that's what we are talking about – evangelism – sharing the Good News –

Looking at Galatians and Luke for directions of how to do this

Do it wherever you find yourself – no packing up – just go about and share with others

And enter their homes and eat with them – Jesus was ALL about eating and about being fed. Remember that.

And offer peace to whoever you meet.

And don't take it personally when rejected. It's about offering a glimpse of God

And don't grow weary – but let us work for the good of all

Now- what do you say? What do you offer?

How about – you know – you belong to God.

Or how about What are you hungry for?

Because everyone want to belong and everyone needs to be fed.

And that my friends is the Good News that we offer. We offer to feed people – in whatever way they are hungry. They can come to our pantry, we can bring in a meal, they can come to our lunches, and EVERY week that can gather around this table and be fed the sacrament – they can receive the most holy bread and wine and feeds us all in what is always its own kind of miracle.

This table is for all to gather around. This meal will never run out. The gestures, the words, the prayers – they are here to feed us. Remember again, Jesus was ALL ABOUT feeding.

So feed others with your mercy, feed people with your healing prayers, with your listening, with your presence – it's a hungry world.

And let everyone know they belong – they belong to God – whether circumcised or uncircumcised, It is simple – it is real – it is vitally important. It's not the magic eebejeebe that Naaman wanted – it's the truthful – here it is – come and eat.

You see – we have something wonderful to offer to others – let's keep offering it.

Thanks be to God.