



Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

Matthew 21:23-32

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

All-knowing God, you desire purity of heart and integrity of word. Empower us by your Spirit to say what we mean and act according to your ways, in Jesus' name. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you." (Matthew 21:31b)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The chief priests and elders want to know: by whose authority does Jesus speak? Perhaps Jesus' authority rests on his belonging to God.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Why do you think Jesus told the chief priests and elders that the tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God ahead of them?

Who are the elders in your community? In what ways are they helpful to the community? In what ways do they hinder?

For the littles: Who is the oldest person you know? Are they wiser than you?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God turn your world upside down. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Prostitution has long been considered "the oldest profession." But prostitution is not a profession. It is human trafficking, a form of slavery. Go online to <https://polarisproject.org/> to learn more about human trafficking and ways you can help stop it.



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14

Tuesday, Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21

Wednesday, Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8

Thursday, Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23

Friday, Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Saturday, Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52