



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Isaiah 5:1-7

In verses 1–2, what specific actions does the owner take to build his vineyard? How do these details emphasize God's meticulous care, intentionality, and love for His people?

In verses 5–6, God decides to break down the vineyard's walls and let it be trampled. Is the destruction of the vineyard a sign of God actively desiring to hurt His people, or is it the natural consequence of us pushing away His protective grace?

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

What words or phrases link the 1st Reading to the Psalm?

What specific "walls" or protections has God given us in the Catholic faith to guard us against spiritual attacks?

Philippians 4:6-9

What stands out to you about St. Paul's command to "have no anxiety at all"? How does this feel when you are facing real-world stress or uncertainty?

Why is gratitude so vital when we are asking God for help or dealing with anxiety?

Who is a "St. Paul" in your life—a mentor, saint, or fellow Catholic whose example of peace and virtue you try to imitate?

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

What words or phrases link the 1st Reading, the Psalm, and the Gospel together.

Who do the various figures in the parable represent: the landowner, the vineyard, the tenants, the servants sent, and the son?

The vineyard is a gift entrusted to the tenants. In what areas of your life (your time, family, parish, or work) do you feel like a "steward" rather than the ultimate "owner"? Where is it hardest to surrender control back to God?