



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Small Church Communities
Sunday Gospel Question
August 27th, 2017**



<p style="text-align: center;">1st Reading JER 20:7-9</p>	<p>“You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. [..]I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Psalm PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9</p>	<p>R. “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2nd Reading ROM 12:1-2</p>	<p>“I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect?”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Gospel MT 16:21-27</p> <p>Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly [..] Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him [..] He [..] said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me [..]."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Question for reflection & discussion:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">How does the society around me say I should react to the crosses I encounter, to the difficulties, challenges, and suffering that life and fidelity to my Christian identity bring on? What can I do to react more like Christ?</p>