

Dear brothers and sisters,

Most of you have already realised your call for the great profession of becoming doctor. This is your call from God and also the call of all who follow Christ: You have to turn your whole attention personality towards those who are sick, ill, desperate and try to help them... welcome Jesus in them. It does not matter, whoever they are, poor or rich, black or white Muslims or Christians. All of them are human beings, and your call is to heal them, to show them respect and love. That's what Jesus also did in his days. This is what we see from this parable.

What was the reaction of the disciples in those days watching Jesus' humble attitude towards those who were in need?

They debated: who might have been the greatest of them. Jesus heard this and gave a radical answer to his disciples and also to us. You have to see further than this, and you have to step further. He points out a new direction: towards the kingdom of God. Do not take care first about yourself, your own debates, your own struggles. But if there is somebody in need around you, first step to him, realise his needs, and try to help him or her.

The disciples compete for the better position in the group. They want to get an answer from Jesus which one of them is better or cleverer than the others. They are looking for their position, compared to each other. But Jesus did not mean to choose the brighter or the better person and make a hierarchy for his disciples. He did not give the desired answer. Instead he encouraged them to step on a new road and to walk towards others, especially who were in need. He meant to lead them towards a sensible way of life instead of useless competitions.

If you start your way in serving others you are going to find your right place among others. You are going to find more meaning in your lives instead of arguing about a better position. "Look for the most vulnerable, the poorest people if you are looking for me" – Jesus says. "I am in them. You are serving me in them."

The meaning of competition is this: the disciples are looking for their place around Jesus, in the world. Jesus does not offer them positions, does not give them roles but he sends them to serve, and encourage them to occupy the last place in social hierarchy: that of the servant's. He sends them to welcome even the most despised jobs, among the most despised persons. He says: this is the right place for my disciples, because I am there.

We are looking for our places too. But we do not have to find our place alone as the apostle James points it out clearly in his letter we hear in the readings. We can pray for it. This is the reality of our prayer: it is not God who accomplishes my truth, because it is not me who knows the truth as a whole. I ask the Lord let me see His truth, and help me to fight for it. I ask him to reveal his perspectives and aims and strengthen me to fulfil his wishes. Even if it is about being the last one among many other people. If it does not happen what I ask for, it might annoy me. St James points it out: it is possible to ask something from God in a very selfish way. If I use this attitude I do not really look for God's will, but my own. I want to get the Lord to fulfil my wishes. But it works only in the other way round. It is not the Sun that spins around the Earth but inversely. Let us be brave to welcome God's will in our hearts and let us be ready to join His will and also do it. And we are going to find our places. Amen.