

September 27, 2015

“Wanna Fight?”

(Mark 9: 38-48)

Isn't that just like Jesus? Doesn't he know we like to huddle in our own little _____?

How dare Jesus ruin our _____.

We enjoy looking _____ on people who are not like us.

**1. The most natural thing in the world is to _____
people who are like you.**

Sociologists have a name for it – “_____.”

We are uncomfortable around people who are _____.

**2. The problem comes when discomfort turns to
_____ or even persecution.**

**Among our duties as followers of Jesus is to bring _____ to
the world.**

We follow one who has been called the _____ of Peace!

*“...if gold rust, what then will iron do? For if a priest be foul in whom
we trust/No wonder that a common man should rust...”*

-- “Canterbury Tales” –

We are those who Christ calls to be _____ to a dark world.

If, rather than bringing light, we bring _____, what hope is
there for the world?

**3. The church of Jesus Christ is called to be a _____
force in human society, not a _____ one.**

Our nation and our world seem to be more and more _____.

Our lesson for today shows the disciples acting _____,
jealously guarding their claim to represent Jesus.

Jesus had no interest in awarding _____ franchises.

His desire was to develop _____ with people, not in
causing divisions between them.

May we be representatives of _____ with ALL people!

(over)