Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, Oct 7th 2011

Inability to listen brings division. We see divided families, divided nations, and divided communities, not because of cultural differences or diversity of religion but because of the inability to listen. Beelzebub sows division and scatters people because they will not listen. People need someone whom they can listen to. Jesus saw that need when he looked at them with pity for they were like sheep without shepherd. Without a shepherd the sheep knows not where to go. People will be scattered when they don't listen to the word of God. In our society where everybody wants to talk and no one wants to listen, we pray that the Lord will send us people who will make us gathered and not scattered.

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