**“Those who had gathered more did not have too much, and those who gathered less did not have too little”**

Exodus 16.18

[1] **We are called to notice injustice**

Note that in our reading how much people got equalled how much they worked.   
Does our society reward *effort* or *type* of work?

Differences in pay are OK, but is our TEXT true? In NZ – it is more like:   
**“Some of those who had gathered more *did* have too much, and some of those who gathered less *did* have too little.”**

[2] **We are called to cry out about it**

Not talking about unemployment benefits. Imagine some refusing to gather, yet wanting manna!

The manna story is more about ‘reward’ for work done.

We must challenge a society which values those who work with money more than those who work with people. This is a challenge to the heart of a materialistic society of which we are a part.

Surely we should cry out about this injustice. This is political, but not necessarily party political.

[3] **We are called to right the wrong in practical ways**

But talking is not enough. Action also required. Righting the wrong in practical ways. Eg Brown bags, frozen food at parish, cheap clothes at Affordables. The help we give neighbours, family and friends.

But we also need to recognise that righting wrongs may simply prop up an unjust system. Which is why both are needed.