

Youth Leaflet



COME, *everything* IS READY!

The theme for today comes from Luke's Gospel where Jesus tells us a parable. He tells us the story of a man who invites all of his friends to a great banquet, but when they are invited by the man's servants they make up all kinds of excuses and don't come to the banquet. So the man sends his servants out to the streets to invite the poor instead, closing the door to the original guests.

What Jesus is warning us in this parable is that, like the people who were invited first in the parable, the respectable people of his day assumed they had a place at this banquet, the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus invites us to the Kingdom of Heaven! He has prepared the great feast for us to share in and asks us to follow Him, without making excuses and missing out.

*"Come, everything is ready," says Jesus, our Lord.
Will you go?*

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LUKE: 14:15-24



SLOVENIAN FACTS

#1 Slovenia is full of underground caves! There are more than 10,000 caves across the country... watch your step!

#2 Slovenians invented the wheel! Well, maybe... the oldest wheel ever found was in Slovenia. It is 5,150 years old.

#3 Ljubljana, the capital city of Slovenia, translates as 'the loved one'.

#4 Welcome to Narnia! Some of the Narnia films, based on the books by famous Christian C.S Lewis, were filmed in Slovenia.

Service

The Bible is the Word of God, alive and active. When we read it, God speaks to our hearts. In the opening hymn, we ask the Holy Spirit to be with us. For the reading, have six people who have practised beforehand, read this passage out in the six character voices, bringing the story alive. After reading it the first time ask the group what word struck them most and invite them to share aloud if they wish or ponder it in their heart. Then read through the passage again. This time ask the group what thought or inspiration they had while listening. Read the passage for a final time and allow the group to speak their prayer to the Lord, be it aloud or in the silence of their hearts. Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer together and singing the closing hymn, reminded that we are called to be the servants that have received the Word of God and are to share it with all peoples. You might also like to include a discussion session based around these questions: "How is God calling me to the banquet?", "What excuses are preventing me from accepting and attending?"

Opening Hymn: "Holy Spirit" - Jesus Culture

Narrator: A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited,

Servant: 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

Narrator: But they all alike began to make excuses. One after another they said,

First: 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

Second: 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

Narrator: Still another said,

Third: 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

Narrator: The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant,

Master: 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

Servant: 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

Master: 'Then go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'

Closing Hymn: "God's Spirit Is In My Heart (Go Tell Everyone)"



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