

Week beginning 15th March 2020

The King and the Kingdom—Luke Parable of the banquet



Welcome

If you could invite up to 6 famous guests (living or dead) to a dinner party at your home who would it be and why?



15 mins 15/3

Worship

Read Psalm 23:5-6 and Isaiah 25:6-9
Spend some time in pairs reflecting on those vs before turning to a time of praise and thanksgiving as a group



20 mins 15/3

Word

1. Read Luke 14:15-24 and invite each person to share one thing which strikes them from the passage.
2. What do you think the Kingdom of God is?
See Mark 1:15 John 3:3 Luke 4:17-19 Matthew 13:31-33 Luke 17:20-21
3. Read vs 18-20 - the excuses given here are lame Those who refuse the invitation are not just passing up a meal they are declaring themselves to be 'Lord'.
What is the worst or lamest excuse you have ever heard?
4. Why do people ignore or refuse God's invitation today?
"The invitation is intended to frame the lives of those who receive it. Once they have received the invitation, they are meant to look forward to this coming event, be ready when the event actually happens. Imagine you've been waiting and waiting for a train. Suddenly you see it in the distance and cry out 'it's here'. We don't strictly mean that. It is on the way, it is not here. But we can see it coming and we live for its coming. So with the kingdom of God, it is on the way. In the life of Jesus we see that clearly and in the kingdom moments in our lives we see it now."
Sermon 23/3/20
What does it mean to live a life framed by God's invitation?
5. In your opinion does this parable speak more about the generosity and patience of God or his righteous judgement?



45 mins 15/3

Witness

Pray for those who were invited to church last weekend. That what they heard would make a lasting impact on their lives
Pray for Alpha starting on Wednesday 25th March. For those leading and those who have been invited to come along.



10 mins 15/3