**We are all invited**

**Reading:** Luke 14:16-24

Jesus said, “A man gave a big dinner. He invited many people. When it was time to eat, he sent his servants to tell the guests, ‘Come. The food is ready.’ But all the guests said they would not come. Each one made an excuse. The first one said, ‘I have just bought a field. So I must go and look at it. Please excuse me.’ Another man said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of working animals; I must go and try them out. Please excuse me.’ A third man said, ‘I just got married; I can’t come.’

So the servant returned and told his master what had happened. The master was angry. He said, ‘Go into the streets and alleys of the town. Bring me the poor, the blind and the lame.’”

**Thought about the reading**

Imagine you invited your friends to your birthday party, but no-one turned up! How would you feel? The man in the story was angry. He worked to get the meal ready, but his friends weren’t really bothered.

Jesus said that God has invited us all to be part of his Kingdom. He made that possible by dying on the cross for us. But we have to accept the invitation. We have to say ‘Yes’ to Jesus.

Jesus welcomes everyone who says yes, no matter who they are.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank you for inviting me to be part of your kingdom. I want to say ‘Yes’. I want to be part of it.

Please forgive me when I do not have time for you, when I am too busy to pray or go to church. Please help me to follow you every day.

Amen



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