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Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 12, 28th August 2022

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Focus Readings Luke14: 1, 7-14

Message 8 minutes 20 seconds ***“Radical Hospitality in the Kingdom of God”***

Discussion Starters

1. Who do you see yourself as in the story? Are you the person asked to move down? Move up? Are you the host? Are you even at the banquet?
2. What place do you give to those who have “Nothing to offer”? What could you do differently?
3. Think about your church space. Is it accessible and welcoming? Does anything need to change?
4. How do you think this teaching from Jesus can help your church reach out into the wider community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Jeremiah 2:4-13 After bringing Israel to a new land to eat its fruits, God finds that all have turned away, even the kings, lawyers, priests, and prophets. They have replaced God, the living water, with leaky cisterns.

Psalms 81:1, 10-16 God laments Israel’s refusal to listen and walk in his ways. Even so, God offers to feed them with wheat and honey.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 The Christian community is to be a living sacrifice of praise, revealed in lives of mutual love, hospitality, and care, especially for those usually excluded.

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All Age Message: James Ellis ***“Left out?”***

Length 2 minutes 8 seconds

Precis of AAM

Invitations to a party can be very special when you receive an invitation, or very hurtful, if you are not included and your friends are. Jesus had a different idea. He suggested we should be giving the invitations to the poor, cripples and outsiders – it is when we don’t leave anyone out we show what it looks like to live in God’s kingdom and that is a very special thing.

Resources: *Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)*. Psalm 81: 1-8, 15-16, page 306.

James Ellis

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