



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 13: 22-30

He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Some things to think about

The Kingdom of God is where God is in charge.

When God is in charge there are good relationships between people, no one is left out and all are loved and accepted.

What will the Kingdom of God look like? How will you feel when you get to the Kingdom of God? Who will be in the Kingdom of God?

Activity

Draw an image of what you think the Kingdom of God is like

Materials needed for the activity:

Paper

Coloured pens / pencils

Teacher's Notes

The Jews questioned Jesus about the Kingdom of God. He tells them that it is not only the Jews who will be admitted to the Kingdom and that some Jews will find themselves left out of the Kingdom if they do not follow Jesus' teachings.

Jesus describes the entry to the Kingdom as a narrow gate that is difficult to enter. We enter the Kingdom of God by doing what God wants us to do. All people are welcome to enter the Kingdom of God if they want to follow Jesus' teachings. Being a child of God means being someone who brings love and peace into the world. We can be a part of the Kingdom of God here and now by living as God wants us to. The Kingdom of God can be described as God's intention for the world, and that intention is that we live together with love.

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