

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



Matthew 25:14–15, 19–21

‘You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.’

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

‘Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, “Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.” ’

Reflection

In this Gospel, Jesus tells a story about people who are trusted with something valuable and given the chance to do something with it. The important thing isn't that everyone receives the same amount, but what they choose to do with what they have been given.

We can easily compare ourselves with other people – their talents, confidence, opportunities or achievements – and feel that what we have isn't enough. But Jesus isn't asking us to have someone else's gifts. He asks us to use what we have faithfully.

That is at the heart of Youth SVP. You don't need to be the loudest, most confident or most experienced person in the group to make a difference. A small amount of time, an idea, a listening ear or simply being willing to help can have a real impact when we choose to use it.

Materials Needed

Post it notes and pens

Activity

Give everyone three small pieces of paper. Ask them to write:

- Something I can give – e.g. time, kindness, listening
- Something I can do – e.g. visit someone, help at an event, organise a fundraiser
- Someone I could help – e.g. someone lonely, a younger pupil, an elderly person

Then ask everyone to choose one thing from their three answers that they could actually put into action this week.

Call to Action

This week, choose one small thing you can do to make someone else's life better – and do it.

