

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Stronger in Mission 5 – Good News for the Poor

- 1) What is the best news you've heard recently and why?

- 2) Read **Luke 4v14-30**
 - a) What was the most helpful thing for you in Al's message from this passage?

 - b) Which aspect of the Gospel message gets you the most excited or makes you thank God the most?

- 3) Read **Luke 14v1-14**
 - a) What can we pick up about how guests behaved in this culture at formal dinners?

 - b) On what sort of occasion might you feel the temptation to exalt yourself rather than be humble?

 - c) What was the temptation for dinner party hosts in Jesus' time?

 - d) When might you be tempted to do something so that the other person might do the same for you?

 - e) What could be an equivalent for you, to inviting the poor, crippled, blind and lame to a banquet?

- 4) Read **James 2v1-7**
 - a) What was the problem in this church?

 - b) How should they (and we) be treating people and why?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Luke 14v15-24**

- a) What is different about this description of a banquet from those in 14:7-14?
- b) In this parable who do the hosts and the guests represent from real life?
- c) Who second and third lots of invited guests and who do they represent?
- d) Who are you in this story?
- e) Why was it such a tragedy when people turned down the master's invitation and made excuses?
- f) How can this parable help you in your personal witness for Jesus or what we do as a church?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Please continue to pray for the many people affected by the devastating typhoon in the **Philippines**. Pray for the workers helping the survivors and for aid to quickly reach those most in need. Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters, that their faith in God may remain strong and that they can show his love as they serve those around them.

Pray for those on the current **Parenting Course** that they and their children would benefit from the the principles and approaches they are learning and discussing.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

Christmas is Coming!

Our first event in the run up to Christmas is **Late Night Shopping** on **Thursday 5th December from 5:30/6pm to 7:30pm**. We will have stall by the Harvey's Shop selling Chestnuts and Mulled Wine and giving out invitations to our Christmas Services. We will also have a group of singers singing Carols.

Please speak to Francis if you can help or to Chrissie if you'd like to sing. There will be one practice for the singers on Friday 29th November, 7-30pm at 15 Winterbourne Mews, BN7 1HG.

Our Christmas Services are:

Christmas Family Carols, 4pm Sunday 15th December
an informal service with Craft, Food and Christmas fun!

Carol Service, 7.30pm Sunday 22nd December
with Choir and Christmas Message
followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Flyers will be available from Sunday 1st December to help you invite your friends. There will be no morning services on those Sundays. Please speak to Diane if you would like to sing in the choir for the Carol Service.

Booking for the Catalyst Festival: Sat 24th to Wed 28th May 2014 at Stoneleigh Park with great teaching, worship, children's work and social time. It's not too early to book and you can save money if you book by 30th November. Please see the flyers for details or their website: www.catalystnetwork.org/festival
We have a church scheme where we can pay for you at the cheaper rate and then you pay us back in installments. Please speak to AI for a form to fill in.

The **Exploring Membership Day**, which was meant to take place on Saturday 30th November, has been postponed until the new year.

Men's Chinese Meal at Panda Garden in Lewes on Saturday 30th November 2013 at 8pm. Two course meal for £15 plus drinks. Please contact Brian Anderson to book a place. 07564 766 355 brian@project-outrsource.co.uk