

Leader's Guide – July 5

BEFORE MEETING

- Get two readers. Ask them to prepare, seeking the text's tone and emphasis
- Perhaps ask someone to share the first story
- Check in with song leader
- Have candle, matches, bread, cup
- Perhaps ask a child to light the Spirit candle

INVOCATION

Light a candle after the invocation song; briefly call upon the Spirit to do his work.

STORIES OF WONDER

Consider "greasing the wheel" by asking someone ahead of time to be the first to share or by doing so yourself.

SCRIPTURES

Before the readings, invite people to preview the proclamation prompts on their sheet.

Obadiah 3, 8-17, 21 :: Matthew 21.28-32

SHARED PROCLAMATION

Welcome all voices, young and old, as God can speak through anyone. Encourage boldness in speaking truth into each other's lives—a gracious boldness. Questions are welcome, too. Let the Spirit lead.

PROMPTS

How do you connect to this passage in _____?

E.g., does it bring to mind a present struggle?

Given this passage, what does God want us to know about his character/work?

How is this made complete in Jesus? What does it mean for his lordship over the world?

How is the Spirit prompting you/us to respond?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Invite prayers for loved ones and places of mission. But also invite personal responses to God based on the message they've just heard.

TABLE

Our common invitation structure:

- Jesus invites everyone to his table.... He is here.... Let's quiet ourselves a moment in his presence.
- We have heard that.... [main gospel idea]
- Will you trust and receive...? Will you submit to his lordship...? and be transformed...?
- For he took the bread and said, "This is my body, broken for you." And he took the cup and said, "This is my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins."

As you hold the bread and cup:

- Lord, we give you thanks for....
- Bless this bread and cup....

As you break the bread:

Though we are many, in Jesus we are one.

As each household shares its own:

This is Christ's body broken for you.
This is the new life in his blood.

SONGS

SENDING

Send us out for God's mission.... In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.