

Youth Live Chat Discussion Questions

July 19 - Luke 14

Welcome (5 min)

- Say hello to each young person as they come online.
- Ask a few directed questions and try to chat with the kids as much as you're able.

Warm Up Game - Photo Challenge (10 min)

Begin today with a photo challenge. They will need a smart phone of some kind to play. Just choose a list of random items that could be found in or around the house that they should run to take a photo of. The first one to return with all the photos wins.

You can let the kids know that points will add up throughout the chat and the person at the end with the most points will win a sweet that I'll send out to them in the post.

Discussion (20 min)

(Based off of Alex's talk from Luke 14 in the Sunday Connection video. Let them know that points can be had for correct answers to questions throughout this section, which can be added to their total for winning.)

1. Offer 1 point to anyone (everyone) who can say one thing they remember from Alex's talk. They can't repeat what someone else has already said.
2. When was the last time you went to a party? What's the best thing about parties? What kinds of things make a party awkward or uncomfortable?
3. Alex describes a party that Jesus attended in Luke 14. Can you remember the things that were happening that made it a bit awkward? (see v. 1-5 for a hint)
Everyone was sitting in absolute silence watching Jesus eat!
4. The key idea that Alex pointed out from the Sunday Connection video was Jesus' desire to teach them about an invitation and the importance of not making phony excuses. What story did Jesus tell in v. 15-23 to illustrate his point? *Read the verses together and talk through the story Jesus tells.*
5. What did Alex tell us in the video that helped us to know that these excuses were just made up? *He said that the host would have told them about the banquet far in advance so they could save the date. And then a few days before he would have invited them again. So they would have already been well aware of the coming party and would have known not to plan anything else. And no one would make purchases without seeing them first. Everything they said was just made up.*
6. What is the invitation that Jesus is referring to for us? He's not inviting us to a banquet so what is it that he's wanting to invite us to? *He's inviting us to follow him*

and experience all that God has for us now AND so that we can be with him in the future at the big party he will throw in Heaven.

7. What does it mean for us to go out and “get others” to accept Jesus’ invitation? How can we do that?
8. Why do you think people today don’t always accept the invitation from Jesus? What kinds of excuses do we make? What are we really missing out on by making these excuses?

Closing Game (10-15min)

Do a home scavenger hunt as this is hugely popular with all the kids. Wherever they are right now is their 'base' - this is where the items in the scavenger hunt have to be brought back to (so those using mobile platforms can't take their camera to the item. They need to leave their camera where it is and bring the item to the screen). Read out the items in turn. First person to bring the item to the screen wins a point.

This scavenger hunt list begins with a riddle for each item. They must solve the riddle and then find the item. (If you don't want to play this as a scavenger hunt you could just give a point to whoever can guess the riddle first.)

1. I'm bigger than a flea. I'm bigger than a bee. You can unlock a door with me. *Key*
2. If you find me on the ground with my head up you'll have good luck. *Penny*
3. I smash scissors and paper covers me. *Rock*
4. I blow in the wind and drop in the autumn. *Leaf*
5. Fill me up all the way, but be sure to take me out or I'll stink the next day. *Bin Bag*

After

Message Chrissy to let her know who won the game (if it's a tie I'll send sweets to 2 kids).