



PARABLES OF JESUS

Sermon Outline

Key Passage

Matthew 22:1-3, 8-12

3 Guests Who Were Invited

1. The Chosen

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:9 NIV

2. The Outsiders

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:6-8 NIV

3. The Apathetic

"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

John 3:18 NIV

THE GREAT BANQUET

JUNE 30
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

The Fathers plan, since the fall of mankind, is the redemption to Himself in a loving relationship, through the death and resurrection of His son Jesus Christ. The invitation is to each one, how we respond to it is our choice.

Ice Breaker

- Have you ever not been invited to a party? How did that make you feel?
- What is the most memorable thing you have ever witnessed at a wedding?

Dig Deeper

- Read through Matthew 23:13-36. Being God's chosen people now, how can we keep from falling into the same traps as the spiritual leaders of his day?
- How is it possible that the religious leaders failed to recognize Jesus for who He claimed to be? How can we demonstrate the same mindset as leaders? How do we abstain from allowing tradition and false gospels to lure us away from Christ?
- Why do you think the attitude of the chosen in the parable was so negative toward the King?
- What would your response be if the King invited you to his son's wedding feast?
- What stood out to you from today's sermon?

Closing

Many are invited but few are chosen. The Father has invited all to His wedding banquet for His son. Will you choose to accept the invitation, or reach out to those who have not yet heard or accepted the invitation?