THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET

Matthew 22:1–14

Key Verse: 22:2

1. To whom is Jesus speaking? (1; 21:45) What problem do these people have with Jesus? (21:23) Review what he taught them through the parable of the two sons and the parable of the tenants (21:28–44).
2. ow How How is Jesus’ parable of the wedding banquet similar to and different from his two previous parables? (2,3) Imagine how a king would prepare for his son’s wedding. How does this help us better understand what heaven is like and who God is?
3. Note the repetition of the words “invite/invited” (3,4,8,9,14). Who do the invited guests represent? Think about what it would mean to be invited to such a wedding banquet.
4. What do the invited guests do at first, and why? (3,5) What do others do, and why would invited guests respond like this? (6) How does the king respond, and what prediction is Jesus making? (7) What does the king do next? (8–10) Who do these people represent? What can we learn here about God’s kingdom and the work of his servants?
5. What happens when the king comes to see his guests? (11,12) Why would this person not be wearing wedding clothes? What do the wedding clothes represent? (Gal3:27) What happens, and what should we learn from this? (13) What does Jesus say last, and what does it mean to us? (14)