

The Invited, the Called and the Chosen

(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 57)

April 18, 2021

The Parable- Matthew 22:1-14

Responses to the invitation to God's kingdom:

1. _____

- those who _____ it and those who _____ it

2. _____

- "both _____ and _____"

3. " _____ "

- those who try to come to Jesus on _____

Life Group Questions for the Week of April 18, 2021

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. We saw on Sunday that Jesus describes the kingdom of heaven as a wedding banquet. Who does the king in the story represent? Who is the son? Who do the guests represent? Why would Jesus use the example of a wedding banquet to describe what the kingdom of heaven is like?

3. What's the significance that the King's servants "gathered all whom they found, both bad and good..." to bring to the wedding feast?

4. What does the indifference and hostility of invitees represent? What might be some reasons why people today reject God's invitation?

5. Why was the king upset with the person who was dressed differently? What kind of person does that represent?

6. In light of Isaiah 61:10, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Colossians 3:12, what 'garment' is appropriate for the kingdom of heaven? How does one get that garment?

7. Jesus concludes his story by saying, "Many are called, but few are chosen." How is this demonstrated in the story? According to Acts 2:38,39, who all are invited?

8. Who does God use to invite others in the kingdom? See 2 Corinthians 5:19,20; Matthew 28:19,20. Who does God want you to be inviting to his wedding party?