

**Discussion Starter** – Discuss how marriage and weddings are often used as a picture of God's relationship with humankind. What are the similarities and differences? What does this teach us about God's plan for us?

## Invitation to the Wedding Feast, (Matthew 22:1-10)

- Identify the characters. Who is the King? The Son? The servants? Who were invited?
- Review Luke 14:16-24. What were some of the excuses to decline the invitation? How are these similar to responses we might hear today? How does this parable differ to the one in Matthew 22?
- Identify the three responses to the invitation in Matt 22, verse 3, verse 5, and verse 6.
- What prophecy is Jesus making in verse 7? How and when was it fulfilled?
- In what sense were "those that were bidden" not worthy? What is the basis of our worth in Christ?
- Why is the invitation is expanded (Matt 22:10, Luke 14:21-23)? Where did God find you?

## Plot Twist, The Guest Without a Gown- (Matthew 22:11-15)

- What is represented by the wedding garment? (Rev 3:5, 18) Why is it critical?
- Who is represented by a lack of a wedding garment? (Romans 10:1-4, Galatians 5:4-6)
- How might this "guest without a gown" look in today's church?
- How and where do we get the wedding garment? How do we know we have a suitable garment? What characteristics might differentiate a garment wearer compared to one in his own garment?
- What is the difference in the outcome for those who are un-responsive to the gospel compared to those who oppose the gospel?
- In light of the context, discuss what is meant by verse 14, "many are called, but few are chosen".