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The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22:1–14 | Pastor Keith Piquette

Begin by reading Matthew 21:45–46 and 22:1–14 aloud. *You do not need to cover every question. Give the group room to listen, reflect, and respond honestly.*

Opening Conversation

- What insight, image, or statement from Sunday's message was most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling to you?

Getting to Know Me

- Can you recall a wedding or celebration where you felt especially welcomed? What made you feel that you belonged?

Into the Bible

- In Matthew 22:3–7, the king's generous invitation is met with indifference and hostility. Why might someone resist an invitation that seems so good? How does picturing God's kingdom as a wedding celebration affect the way you think about following Jesus?

- One guest goes to his field and another to his business (verse 5). How can ordinary, worthwhile responsibilities become reasons to ignore God? Where do you feel that tension in your own life?

- The servants invite "the bad as well as the good" (Matthew 22:10). What does this reveal about God's grace? How does it challenge the idea that someone is too bad—or already good enough—to need Jesus?

- Read Philippians 3:4–9 alongside the wedding clothes in Matthew 22:11–13. Why can it be hard to receive a place at God's table as a gift, even when we believe in grace? How might trusting Christ's righteousness change the way we handle success or failure?

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- Read Ephesians 2:8–10. How do grace, faith, and good works fit together? What is the difference between doing good to earn a place at God's table and doing good because you have received his grace?

Personal Response

- Pastor Keith asked whether we are messengers of God's invitation or people who hinder it. How might our attitudes, words, or behaviour make it harder for others to hear the good news? Examine your own heart rather than judging someone else's.

- Where do you find yourself in this parable: distracted by other priorities, resisting God, relying on your own goodness, or receiving his grace? What would a next step of trust or obedience look like for you this week?

This Week's Challenge

- Sometime this week, take a quiet moment to picture being welcomed at God's table. Thank Jesus for one way you have experienced his grace. You could use a simple prayer: "Jesus, thank you for welcoming me. Help me enjoy your grace today."

Prayer

- Spend a minute in silence, asking the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Then pray together, thanking Jesus for his grace, surrendering anything that keeps you from responding to him, and praying for those you hope will accept his invitation.

