**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr February 18, 2024**

**A Wedding You Don’t Want To Miss!**

Matthew 22:1-14

**Key Truth:** God extends His invitation of salvation to everyone. Unfortunately, not everyone will respond graciously to God’s compassionate plea.

**What The Parable Describes:**

1. God has graciously called the religious leaders to repent and

 trust Jesus as Messiah.

2. They continuously rejected God’s prophets, namely John the

 Baptist.

3. God will judge the religious leaders for their disobedience

 and rejection of His invitation to life.

4. God in turn offers salvation to everyone who will accept the

 gospel invitation and trust in Jesus Christ.

5. This invitation to life requires that we submit to rule and

 Lordship of the King.

**What We Learn:**

1. God is gracious and offers salvation and spiritual blessings to

 everyone, regardless of moral standing.

2. God has the right to determine how we enter His Kingdom.

 A. It’s only through His Son that we gain entrance into His

 Kingdom.

3. God demands our allegiance and obedience.

4. Human righteousness will never satisfy the demands of a

 Holy God.

5. Many are called to salvation but only those who accept and

 trust Jesus Christ are chosen.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for His gracious invitation to life. The invitation still stands, therefore don’t ignore God calls to salvation.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Have you ever been invited to something and forgot to RSVP? How did that make the host feel?

How is the parable of the wedding banquet unsettling to you?

How is this parable relieving to you?

What does this parable say about what the nature of personal evangelism or church ministries should be?

What is our part in delivering God’s generous invitation according to Matthew 28:18–20 and Acts 1:8?

How would you define the word “reconciliation”? What does the need for reconciliation imply?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. What has Jesus Christ done for every person who places their hope and trust in Him?

How does our role as ambassadors of Christ cause us to pursue reconciliation with one another?