



## Group Guide

# Jesus Invites

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**Main Passage: Matthew 22:1-14**

## Theological Theme

God's gift of salvation is extended to everyone, regardless of background or status. We are saved not because of our good deeds or based on our own merits, but because of God's grace. God has extended the invitation, but we must choose to accept the invitation of salvation, or reject it.

## Introduction

- ❓ When was a time you made a choice you came to regret? What do you wish you had done differently? Share about this time as you are comfortable and as is appropriate.
- ❓ How can we have confidence we will never regret following Jesus faithfully?

## 1. Initial Rejection (Matthew 22:1-7)

A king generously gave a wedding banquet for his son. Similarly, God generously invites us, unworthy as we are, to the wedding supper of the Lamb, where all faithful believers will rejoice together over Christ's eternal victory.

- ❓ Who do the figures in this parable represent?
- ❓ What are ways people reject God's invitation to His eternal banquet?
- ❓ Application: How do our individual choices impact our long-term reception or rejection of God's way in Jesus?

## 2. Invite Everyone (Matthew 22:8-10)

After the original invited guests (described here as "not worthy" v. 8) rejected the king's grace and generosity, the king told his servants to invite everyone they could find (v. 9). The original guests' flagrant disobedience and rejection wouldn't stop the banquet. The wedding feast of the Lamb will happen, just without those among the Jews, God's chosen people, who rejected the gift of salvation that was offered to them.

- ❓ Following the line of thinking from the previous verses, how should we interpret this section of the parable? Who do the second set of guests represent, and what does their attendance mean?
- ❓ How is this illustrated through the events of Scripture also?
- ❓ Application: What does this teach us about God's heart for us and the nonbelievers He has placed in our lives?

### 3. Few Are Chosen (Matthew 22:11-14)

The consequences for the man who sought to join the feast based on his own qualifications and goodness were severe. He was thrown "into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (v.13) The consequences for the one who rejects God's gift of salvation are equally severe. They will be separated from God for eternity and as a result "there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (v. 13).

- ❓ One guest was not dressed appropriately. Our salvation is not of anything we do, so how is it we are dressed for the banquet and why does this matter?
- ❓ Reflecting on verse 14, how do our lives display that we are "chosen" according to Jesus's words?
- ❓ Application: What does this parable teach us about the kingdom of God? Where is it convicting or challenging for you personally?

### Conclusion

- ❓ What does this parable teach us about God's grace and character?
- ❓ What does this parable teach us about how people will sometimes receive (or reject) the gospel message? Why should this give us steady confidence?
- ❓ Who has God called you to invite to His banquet? How will you respond?