

The Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22:1-14 (page 990)

Space to take notes on the talk

All are _____, but not all will be _____

_____ are invited

but their _____
means they are not guests

_____ is invited

but someone's _____
means they are not guests

Starter question

- ❖ What is the best thing you've been invited to?

Responding to the talk

1. A friend asks you on Monday what you learnt at church. What would you say?
2. Read Matthew 22:1-7
 - a. Why is the king's invitation now urgent?
 - b. What is wrong about the responses in verse 5?
 - c. Why is the king's rage justified?
 - d. Jesus tells this parable to the Chief Priests and Pharisees. How does it illustrate their behaviour? (cf. 21:15, 46; 26:57-58)
 - e. How does this Parable link with the previous one? (cf. 21:38-41,43)
3. Read Matthew 22:8-14
 - a. What is surprising about the king's second round of invitations?
 - b. What does this teach us about God? (cf. Mt. 28:19-20)
 - c. Why is it unacceptable not to wear the right clothes to a royal wedding?
 - d. What do you think the 'wedding clothes' might refer to? (cf. Mt. 7:15-23; 13:49,50; 21:43; 25:26,30,41-43)
 - e. What warning are we meant to take from this passage?
You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. How can we preach a gospel of 'grace' without suggesting that it doesn't matter how you live once you become a Christian?
10. What is the best way to warn a Christian friend who is living in a way that might exclude them as guests from God's Kingdom?