**Message Notes Pastor Dave Gudgel**

**Date:** July 9, 2017 **Bible Focus:** Matt 22:1-14

**Current Series:** The Stories Jesus Told

Message Title: You’re Invited to The Party

**Matt 22:1-14 -** Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' 5"But they paid no attention and went off--one to his field, another to his business. 6The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless.13"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

**Who’s coming to The Party?**

1. Those \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-10)
2. Those \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.10)
3. Those \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.11-14)

**Step into the story…**

1. You are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Keep on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**

Matthew 22:1-14

1. Have you ever gone to a party or a celebration that was “out of this world?” What made it so unique and special?
2. List what you know about the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. What will make this party a “must attend” event for you?
3. How is your love for God impacted by all He has done – first for the Jews, and now for everyone – by repeatedly inviting undeserving people to the upcoming celebration?
4. How does knowing that most people will ignore or refuse God’s invitation impact you? Especially when you think about the awful consequences that will follow for them?
5. Have you been clothed in righteousness? In the garments of salvation? If not, would you like to be? If you haven’t, why not?
6. How does knowing that only a few of those who are invited will accept God’s invitation affect your motivation to invite others?
7. What more can you do to serve the Lord and others by inviting people everywhere to God’s upcoming party?
8. Who can you share this story Jesus told with? Does this person need to hear this story? Will you begin praying for an opportunity to share this story with them soon?