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NORTH METRO CHURCH

NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



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Message Title: The Party is Waiting

Passage:

Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 14:15-24 (Parable of the Banquet / The Great Wedding feast)

Theme:

The King is throwing the grandest dinner party for His Son that you've ever seen. He gives you the invitations and sends you out to invite all and pack out the house. You're discouraged because no one is accepting. What do you do? Where do you start? Where do you stop? How far are you willing to go to make sure the party is full?

THE PARTY IS WAITING



Icebreaker:

1. Share a story about a time when you got invited to something and you were not sure you wanted to attend.
2. What do you think it would feel like to be the one who planned a party only to have none of the invited guests want to come?

Read Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 14:15-24

In the parable Jesus says a great banquet is being prepared. What do you think it would have been like to attend this banquet?

What sort of excuses does the servant get from those who were invited to the banquet?

What is the response of the host when he is told of the excuses?

What do you notice about the second and third groups that get invited into the party? What does this reveal about the Kingdom of God? Who are the furthest out, most overlooked people in your circles? How can we go out and invite them in and show them hospitality?

Jesus is telling this parable while sitting at a prominent religious leader's table, with many important guests. What is Jesus teaching them about God and about themselves?

What do you think was the main point of this story?

What do you think Jesus wanted to accomplish by telling it?

In which way does this parable of the wedding feast shake you up in order to change your perspective or way of living?

What does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus?

Which of Greg's next steps do you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you towards (and what specifically do you feel you need to do about it):

- Receive the invitation (You're invited to the Kings table)
- Prioritize your life (No excuses)
- Put on the wedding attire (salvation, "clothed in His Righteousness")
- Invite, invite, invite, then keep inviting (evangelism, "Found People, Find People")

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there one thing you'd especially like to remember this week?