



October 2017

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 22:1-10.** □ Read out loud the passage from the Gospel of Matthew. After reading it aloud one time, pause a silent moment to let it sink in. Now, read it again a second time. (You may have a different person read the Scripture aloud.) Then ask the group: Where there any words or phrases popped out to you as you heard the reading?

Questions: Ice Breaker

If you could choose to do, or redo your wedding, what would you choose?

Scripture

- 1) Why is the banquet held? What do you learn about those originally invited? What is so surprising about their responses?
- 2) Who did the king eventually invite? Why?
- 3) What is the problem with one guest? What does it mean to be *in the king's presence without a wedding garment*? Why is this guest banished?

Reflection

- 1) When did Jesus first call you to the banquet? How did you respond initially?
- 2) How many times did he invite you?
- 3) With whom do you identify with in this story? Why?

Application

Take some time to read the Scripture again this week. Answer to yourself sincerely: What does the kingdom of God mean for you? Are you waiting for an invitation? Or did you forget to RSVP?

Closing Prayer

Make the Sign of the Cross. Prayer: Father in Heaven, bless this house that we are gathered in and where we speak of your Son, Jesus. Bless these brothers and sisters as they return to their homes today/tonight. Amen. (Let each person offer a single prayer for their needs. Then, together say the *Our Father* and end with the sign of the cross).