

# Sermon Guide



## **“A Parable: The Prince’s Wedding” November 20, 2022**

“See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.” – Matthew 22:1-14

1. Rick said, “Even youths grow tired and weary.” We especially need this reminder throughout advent season. Activities and distractions abound. How might you intentionally foster rest during this advent season? (Note: if you use this guide after advent season, adjust the question to, “how will you intentionally foster rest in your current season?” One more note: rest can be more challenging for parents of young children. If you are in that season, don’t be afraid to talk about the very real challenges of sabbath. Such conversations help foster realistic and creative ideas).
2. Jesus provides us the robe of righteousness we wear to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. In seasons of spiritual growth, we easily slip into pride, taking credit for Christ’s righteousness and the Holy Spirit’s mighty work in our lives. Are there areas you need to remember “the mystery of how you got to the table”?
3. Rick said, “You are not a human success story. You are a divine redemption story.” In what ways have you seen God make your story a “divine redemption story”? What first comes to mind?
4. Rick said we need to live lives from the abundance of who God is, not the scarcity of who we are. Think of an area you feel discouraged or long to grow. Does thinking about God’s abundance rather than your scarcity reframe how you see that area? In what ways?

**We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus.** As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to?