## Matthew 22:1-14 "The King's Wedding Feast" Pastor Robb Oram

God invites each of us to the greatest event in history- the wedding of His Son. He's arranged an eternal plan to make it happen. He invites everyone to be part of it. And, He's provided the only way to attend. Have you said "yes" to His invitation? Or, are you ignoring it, waiting to decide, or rejecting it? Are you telling others about this wonderful event and inviting them to come?

Study Questions: What might be some reasons why people are tempted to doubt God has a plan?

What will make this wedding such a joyous occasion?

What might be some reasons why people today reject God's invitation?

What are some ways in which Jesus' righteousness can be revealed in our lives?

subject: the parable of the wedding feast objective: say yes to the King's invitation & invite others

- I. God's has arranged a plan (vv. 1-2)
- A. "kingdom of heaven" = spiritual rule of God in the hearts of believers
- B. God has a plan to rescue people from sin & reconcile them to Himself
- 1. culmination: wedding with Jesus as groom & the Church as bride

"For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." (2 Cor. 11:2)

II. God invites everyone to be part of His plan (vv. 3-10)

discussion question: what might be some reasons why people today reject God's invitation?

A. God's initial invitation was to the Jews; with their rejection the Gentiles are invited (Rom. 9-11)

- III. God provides the only way to join His plan (vv. 11-14)
- A. wedding garment = righteousness of Jesus Christ

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5:21)

"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Gal. 3:27)

- B. only those dressed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ are worthy to attend
- C. God doesn't send anyone to hell; people choose to go by rejecting the only way to heaven
- D. God calls everyone; but only those who say yes by believing in His Son are chosen