



## The Wedding Feast

- Icebreaker: What is your favourite part a wedding celebration? Have you been to any weddings this year?

Read Matthew 22:1-14

- Why do you think Jesus uses a wedding banquet as a picture of the kingdom of heaven?
- In verse 3 the king sends his servants to collect invited guests, who do you think the servants and the guests represent in the story? (see Matthew 21:23-27)
- What excuses are made by the servants for not attending the feast (see also Luke 14:18-20)? What excuses do people make today for rejecting God's invitation to them? Are they good excuses or bad excuses?
- Why does Jesus include the detail in verses 6 and 7? (remember who it is that he is speaking with)
- The guests had accepted the invitation but rejected the call to come and join in with what the king had prepared. How might we do the same?
- Who does the king invite next? (See Matthew 22:8-10 & Luke 14:21) According to this story what sort of people are invited to be a part of the kingdom of heaven?
- What do you make of the king's response to them man without wedding clothes? What sort of person might this represent? (see Matthew 7:21-23)
- How should we clothe ourselves as Christians? (Colossians 3:12-14 and Romans 13:14 may be helpful in answering this question)
- How should we respond to this story?