

The Basics of the Church
A Mission-focused Church
Matthew 22:1-10
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I. Message

a. **God's invitation was rejected by those He came to save**

i. **Matthew 22:1-10 "And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, 2 The kingdom of heaven (the sphere of God's rule) is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage (wedding celebration) for his son."**

1. The greatest person (the king)
2. Was throwing the greatest celebration (wedding)
3. For the most important heir (his son)

ii. Some invitees stubbornly refused – v.3

1. This is really quite remarkable!
2. The picture Jesus is painting is of a week-long celebration with an abundance of free food
 - a. At a time when food was very hard to come by
 - b. People in His culture would not understand someone stubbornly refusing to accept the invitation of a king to such an event!

iii. Some were too busy with secular pursuits – v.4-5

1. The feast was prepared at great expense
2. The guests had been invited
3. To the greatest party they could ever conceive of
4. But they made light of the invitation...
5. They had other things to do
6. What an affront to a gracious offer from the king!

iv. Some were angry and even violent! – v.6

1. This would have sounded completely insane to those listening to Jesus
 - a. They killed the king's messengers that were inviting them to the greatest feast they had ever seen?
 - b. They hated the king that much?

- i. Yes
 - ii. And this is what Jesus wants the religious leaders to see
- 2. Actually, these people sound a lot like people today:
 - a. Many refuse to accept they are “hungry”
 - b. Some are just too busy to give eternity much thought
 - c. Some are angry if you bring up religion, let alone the name of Jesus

b. God’s invitation is now extended to anyone – v.8-9

- i. The king still wanted guests for the wedding feast, so he sent his servants out one more time. The king’s new command contained three actions. His servants were to:
 - 1. GO – “9 Go ye therefore into the highways”
 - 2. FIND – “and as many as ye shall find”
 - 3. INVITE – “bid to the marriage.”
- ii. Jesus gives a similar command in what we know as the Great Commission (read earlier)

c. Obedient servants invite as many as they can – v.10

- i. This second invitation represents the invitation of our day to every kindred, tongue, people, and nation.
- ii. Revelation 22:17
- iii. Revelation 5:9
 - 1. Our role as servants of the King is very simple.
 - 2. We are to go out, find people, and invite them to the wedding feast.
 - a. Go – get out of your comfort zone
 - b. Find – have soul-level conversations
 - c. Invite – not to church, not to God, to JESUS

II. Conclusions – practical steps to staying “on mission”

- a. Pray that God would send laborers into His harvest
- b. Personally welcome, engage with and pray for those who have accepted the mission

- c. Designate some of your giving to missions and involve your family
- d. Practice talking about the gospel with believers
- e. Go on a mission trip with FBCW
- f. Develop redemptive relationships with your neighbors
- g. Look for divine appointments in the regular rhythms of life
- h. Master a presentation of the Gospel message
- i. Share the gospel with an unbeliever