



Community Group Lesson Plan • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Two Ways to Anger the King

Passage: Matthew 22:1-14 NIV

Sermon Points:

1. First Way to Anger the King - Reject His Invitation
 - a. Read Matt 22:1-10.
 - b. Review, from the sermon, how weddings in the ancient world differed from modern-day weddings.
 - c. Who are the people in your life who have “received an invitation” (know about Christianity, have heard the Gospel, etc) and yet persistently reject it?
 - d. How does one’s understanding of Heaven (the Wedding Feast) influence our desire to accept the invitation?
 - e. What were the reasons in the parable that the guests rejected the invitation?
 - f. What are some reasons today that people will reject the gospel invitation?

2. Second Way to Anger the King - Wear the Wrong Clothes
 - a. Read Matt 22:8-14.
 - b. The man was thrown out of the feast and into the darkness. Why was he thrown out?
 - c. What does not “wearing” the proper “wedding clothes” symbolize?
 - d. Do you struggle with the idea that the “chosen” (verse 14) are those who both profess the faith (accept the invitation) and practice the faith (wear the right clothes)? Why or why not?
 - e. The viewpoint that some are “chosen” for salvation is often challenged because it seems like this makes obedience optional.
 - i. How does 2 Peter 1:5-11 challenge this assumption?
 - ii. Are there other passages that we can point to to reinforce that the “chosen” are those who profess and practice their faith?

Story Time Sermon Series Review:

1. As we come to the end of the Story Time series, is there a parable that has stuck out to you as particularly surprising, challenging, or encouraging?

Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon series? Pray for each other along with other requests.

Benediction - Jude 24-25 NIV



"To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."