

July 31

# NEXT STEPS



## Parable of the Wedding Banquet

This week we continue the message series called "Parables." Throughout this series we will dig into Parables of Jesus and how His teachings impact us today. For this week, we will be looking at the Parable of the Wedding Banquet with the scripture of Matthew 22:1-14.

### Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. Where do you see yourself in this parable? Were you invited with the first group or the second group?
2. Why do you think Jesus used the idea of a banquet to represent heaven?
3. How would you react if you were invited to a wedding for the son of the ruler or president of your country, or someone else of significance in your life?
4. What is the reaction of the first set of invited guests in the story?
5. The Bible says that God extends an invitation to us. He is knocking at the door waiting for us to invite him into our lives (Rev. 3:20). If people are like the guests in the story, what kind of responses could we expect to God's invitation?