

**Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

Series: **“Doing Things Jesus’s Way”**

Message: **“Dressed for the King, by the King”**

Sermon Text: **Matthew 22:1-14**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 34:1-10**; New Testament Text: **Revelation 19:6-9**. Read **Matthew 22:1-14** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. On how many levels does a parable operate?

What are those levels?

2. To what did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

3. How do we define the *kingdom of heaven*?

4. How did the people react to the king’s first invitation to his son’s wedding feast?

5. How did they react to the king’s next invitation?

6. What are the events described in **Matt. 22:6** intended to symbolize?

7. What do many commentators believe the events described in **Matt. 22:7** are referring to?

8. What do **vv. 8-10** tell us about God’s invitation to join Jesus in heaven for the wedding banquet?

9. Why was the man who was thrown out of the banquet hall completely without excuse?

10. What does the wedding garment represent on the higher level?

11. Are you properly dressed for the wedding banquet?

12. How do you know for sure?

13. What will you remember most from this message?

### **Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting**

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 34:1-10** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. According to the introduction to this Psalm, how did King David get away from Abimelech?
  2. According to **v. 1**, how will King David *ble**ss** the Lord at all times*?
  3. In what does David choose to make his boast?
  4. How can we *magnify the Lord* when He is already so much bigger than life?
  5. According to **v. 4**, what must we do first before the Lord *will answer us and deliver us from all our fears*?
  6. According to **v. 5**, what happens to those *who look to the Lord*?
  7. According to **v. 6**, what must we do to be saved from our troubles?
  8. Have you ever had the sense that the *angel of the Lord was encamped around you*? How did that affect the situation with which you were dealing?
  9. How old were you when you *first tasted and saw that the Lord was good*?
  10. Explain what it means to you to *fear the Lord*. Has your life changed since you began to *fear the Lord*?
  11. Do you agree with the closing line in **v. 10**? Explain.
- II. Next read **Revelation 19:6-9**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. Have you ever stopped to think that heaven might be a very noisy place due to all the praise & worship of Jesus? What do you long to tell Him in person?
  2. What did the Bride do to make herself ready for marriage to the Lamb?
  3. Read **v. 8** aloud again. What is the ultimate source of the Bride's righteousness?
  4. Explain how this is like putting on *wedding clothes*?
  5. How many are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb? Why will so few actually make it to the wedding feast?
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