

Small Group Study Guide, Week of August 9, 2026

Luke 14:15-24; Matthew 22:2-14, "The Great Marriage Feast," Pastor Jake Sizemore

Ice Breaker: Tell of something that went wrong at your wedding or that of a family member or close friend.

Dig:

1. Read the accounts of this parable in both Luke and Matthew. What similarities and differences do you find? Who are the main characters and who does each represent?
2. Why is the banquet being held? What is surprising about the responses of the "A-Listeners"? Who are included among the "B-Listeners"? Why?
3. From Luke 14:15, what misunderstanding of Jesus' prior teaching does this parable address? From Matthew 22:15, what impact does this parable have? What is the main point of this parable?

Apply:

4. When did Jesus first call you to the banquet? How did you respond initially? How many other times did he invite you?
5. Reflect on people in your life who are hesitating to respond to Jesus' invitation to the banquet. What can you do to encourage "full attendance" and "proper dress"?

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