



How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. (SOAP)

Sermon Main Idea:

God's amazing invitation to enter His Kingdom through faith in Jesus is too good to be true.

Introduction:

1. What are some of the things that rob people of the joy of God's present Kingdom?
2. When have you declined an invitation to something and regretted it later?

SOAP:

Scripture | read Matthew 22:1-14 and relate last week's daily bible readings

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What is the setting for the parable? What are the religious leaders concerned about? (21:43-46)
2. What does Jesus mean when He says, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like...?" (vs. 1-2)
3. Why do those first invited refuse to come to the feast? Who is Jesus referring to here? (vs. 3-6)
4. Who ends up being excluded from the feast, and who ends up being included? Why is this surprising?
5. How does the Parable end? (vs. 11-14)
6. Why is this one man singled out and cast out of the feast? (vs. 11-13)

Application | what can we apply to our life today?

1. What do we learn about God and His Kingdom from the parable and ending statement in verse 14?
2. What are some of the things Jesus was teaching through this Parable?
3. What warning or encouragement do you hear the Lord giving you through this parable?
4. Where can you grow in your life of discipleship in response to God's amazing grace?
5. How are you dressing appropriately for God's Kingdom? How are you not dressing appropriately?
6. This week how can you keep going further Up, in your relationship with God? In, in your relationship with those in the church? Or, Out, in your relationship with those outside the church?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your application

Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 3/18 – Psalm 16:5-8

Tuesday, 3/19 – Matthew 16:1-12

Wednesday, 3/20 – Matthew 16:13-23

Thursday, 3/21 – Matthew 17:9-27

Friday, 3/22 – Matthew 18:10-14

Saturday, 3/23 – Matthew 19:1-30

Sunday, 3/24 – Matthew 22:1-14