

Atlanta Chinese Christian Church North / English Ministries  
Discussion questions for the sermon "Royal Wedding" on 5/15/2011

1. Briefly describe the most memorable wedding you have attended and share why that wedding was the most memorable to you.
  
2. When you are invited to a wedding, which of the following best describes you?
  - a. I don't really care about attending weddings, and I usually find excuses to not attend.
  - b. I hate weddings, and I don't like to waste my money on wedding gifts.
  - c. I like weddings, and I usually go casual because I don't like to dress up.
  - d. I consider it an honor to be invited, and out of my gratitude and respect to the wedding couple, I always dress my best for the occasion.
  
3. Read Matthew 22:1-14 and answer the following questions:
  - a. What was this parable about?
  - b. How did the king's guests respond to the king's invitation? Are you surprised by their responses? Why or why not?
  - c. Who did the king end up inviting to the wedding? Would you have done something like this if you were the king? Why or why not?
  - d. In this parable, who actually attended the wedding and got to enjoy the king's bounty? Why were the others excluded from the wedding?
  - e. What is the point of this parable from Jesus?
  - f. How does this parable reflect how people respond to God's invitation to His kingdom today?

g. Which of the following best describes your response to God's invitation to His kingdom? Explain your answer.

i. I am too busy and have no time for God.

ii. I am often hostile towards people who try to talk to me about God.

iii. I accept God's invitation, and I think because God loves me no matter what, I will enter His kingdom for sure.

iv. I accept God's invitation, and out of my gratitude to and respect for God, I submit to God's rule in my life by putting on the righteousness provided by God in Jesus Christ.

4. Do you know if you will enter God's kingdom? What is the basis of your answer?

5. What has God taught you through this parable from Matthew 22:1-14? Respond to God with prayer.