SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 11/24/13

Matt. 22-1-14

Purpose of SG: to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

2013 Annual Focus: Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

Announcements: (1) Child Dedication 11/24, (2) See & Savor 12/6, and (3) Gathering for Prayer 12/8.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: to expose the great folly of not treasuring the invitation to the kingdom of heaven and to the King Himself

Read the story and discuss what this parable is intended to teach us about God and His kingdom? What does it reveal that you delight in? What questions does it raise?

In what ways is the Kingdom of God like a wedding party? (see also Rev. 19.6-9)

Where can we see ourselves in this story? How are we tempted in ways similar to those invited to the wedding to devalue and even reject God's invitations to live in the celebration that marks his kingdom?

What does this passage teach about judgment? How should your respond to this teaching?

What do you think is meant by having a "wedding garment" to get you into the wedding celebration? Does this raise any doubts or questions for you?

Are there areas of your life where you are saying "yes" to things, even good things like work, and rejecting God's offer to live a kingdom oriented life as a result?