

Year A - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:1-10

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.



Jesus used this story to teach the people:

"The kingdom of heaven is like what happened when a king gave a wedding banquet for his son. The king sent some servants to tell the invited guests to come to the banquet, but the guests refused.

He sent other servants to say to the guests, 'The banquet is ready! My cattle and prize calves have all been prepared. Everything is ready. Come to the banquet!'

"But the guests did not pay any attention. Some of them left for their farms, and some went to their places of business. Others grabbed the servants, beat them up, and killed them.

"This made the king so furious that he sent an army to kill those murderers and burn down their city. Then he said to the servants, 'It is time for the wedding banquet, and the invited guests don't deserve to come. Go out to the street corners and tell everyone you meet to come to the banquet.'

They went out on the streets and brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike. And the banquet room was filled with guests."



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The Kingdom is here and now



Introduction

- Jesus Invites us to help the kingdom of God come here and now.
- Today's gospel focuses on the story of the banquet. Jesus shares with us an invitation into God's family, into the Kingdom of God.

Message

- In the gospel, Jesus tells this story to help people understand something about the kingdom of God.
- ASK: What is the Kingdom of God? (It is any place, anytime, where God reigns, where we let God be the boss).
- ASK: So what would the world be like if everyone wanted God to be the king/the boss? (peaceful, harmonious, just etc)
- Jesus invites everyone to be a part of the kingdom of God and we can choose to accept his invitation or not.
- In the story the people who were invited but who chose not to attend because they were too busy and had other things to do that they thought were more important. Some of them were even mean to the servants who brought the message.
- But the king in the story doesn't give up, even when people refuse to come, he keeps on inviting anyone and everyone!
- It's the same with Jesus. Jesus keeps on inviting us to be a part of the kingdom of God. We can choose to say 'yes' or 'no'.
- We say 'yes' to Jesus invitation by doing the things that God asks us to do. When we follow Gods ways we make God the boss, and the world around us becomes a place with more love, justice and peace.

Discussion

- What are some of the things God asks us to do?
- Is it hard to say 'yes' and follow God's ways? Talk about some examples: choosing to help someone even though we're doing something else, doing a chore that no one else wants to do. Others?

