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Adult Sunday School every Sun. at 9 a.m.

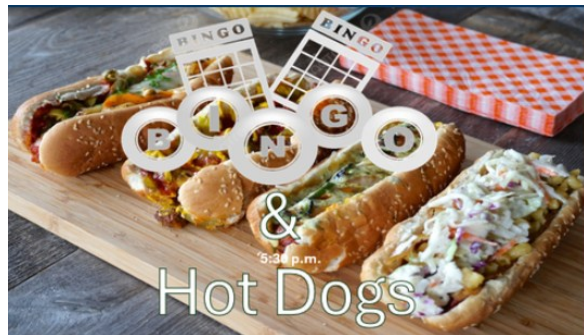
Children's Sunday School during Morning Message

Leadership Team TUESDAY Aug. 11 @ 4:30 p.m.

August 15—Women in the Word

Meet at 10 a.m. Fellowship building

BINGO NIGHT August 21st 5:30 p.m.



August 22—Men's Bible Study

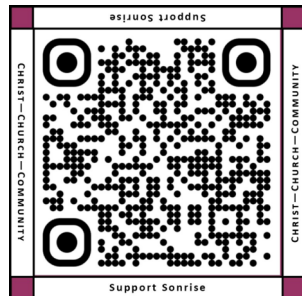
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**A Wedding Parable about the
KINGDOM of GOD**

Jesus also told them other parables. He said, "The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come!

"So he sent other servants to tell them, 'The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!' But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.

"The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town. And he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor. Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.' So the servants brought in everyone they could find,

good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn't wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. "'Friend,' he asked, 'how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?' But the man had no reply. Then the king said to his aides, 'Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"For many are called, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22.1-14

Kingdom Consciousness

- ♦ Kingdom of _____ by any other name:
 - ◇ Kingdom of God, _____, Abraham's bosom, the 3rd heaven where God has his throne.
 - ◇ This is a _____ KINGDOM. It has no physical location except where its _____ are.
- ♦ _____ in the Kingdom of Heaven
 - ◇ Right bestowed on believers as a _____.
 - ◇ The gift of salvation is called _____.
- ♦ _____ but very _____
 - ◇ For the wages of sin is death, but the _____ of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6.23

I am a citizen of the _____ OF _____
because of the (expensive) gift from Jesus.



Journal 3 Week SIX

Turning Down Heaven

Chronological Bible Date OCT. 25

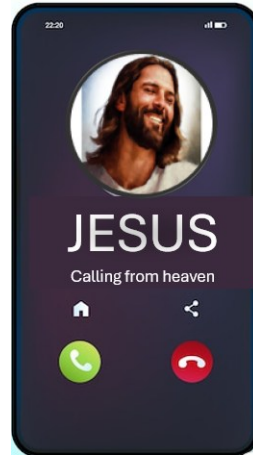
What to watch for this week.

These are included to help get you started
with your devotional each day.

1. **(Sun)** This week, watch for who Jesus says gets into heaven and who does not get into heaven. What is the key factor in each story for getting into heaven?
2. **(Mon)** Watch for what the sons say and what they do. Which was most important and why?
3. **(Tue)** Watch for clues to the identity of everyone in the story. Identify who the different people really represent and what happens to each one.
4. **(Wed)** Watch for the reasons people do not attend the feast. What lesson did Jesus want the Jews to learn? Who does the improperly dressed man represent?
5. **(Thu)** Watch for the way Jesus outsmarts the Pharisees. Why was a question the best way to answer their question here?
6. **(Fri)** Watch for the way the Sadducees tried to trap Jesus even though they did not believe in the resurrection. Why does Jesus say they are wrong?
7. **(Sat)** Watch for the way Jesus uses the scriptures to catch the Sadducees. What do we learn about the Sadducees here? What was one of their greatest shortcomings? How does this help believers know they should search the scriptures for knowledge? © 2026 Bob Highlands III

The Many & the Few

- ♦ "For many are called, but few are chosen."
- ♦ "Many are _____, summoned to respond
- ♦ few however _____." respond to the call
- ♦ The word choose here refers to the personal _____ made by the individual.
- ♦ God does not limit our ability to respond; it is our own personal choice to _____ or _____ the call of God.



RSVP

The Marriage of
Jesus & His Bride (the church)

Date
Very, very soon

NAME(S): _____

— ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE — DECLINES WITH REGRET

*DIETARY REQUIREMENT: _____

Kingdom Invitation with R.S.V.P.

- ♦ _____ : God _____ a man... John 1.6
- ♦ _____ : Jesus says "_____ to me..."
Mt 11.28
- ♦ R.S.V.P. or PLEASE _____
 - ♦ R stand for _____ . Ignored the invitation!
 - ♦ S stands for _____ , Went their own way!
 - ♦ V stands for _____ , Insulted the messengers!
 - ♦ P stands for _____ , Killed them!
- ♦ Mark 8.35 If you try to _____ on to your life, you will lose it. But if you _____ up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.

Kingdom Citizenship

Your Kingdom of Heaven

Is a Gift from Jesus

Skip the (R.S.V.P.)

Make the preparations

the FEW

At the wedding feast!

The overwhelming _____ of People's response to the invitation of God is just _____

An OPEN invitation

- ◆ Out with the _____
 - ◇ _____ THE Murderers and Burn their town.
 - ◇ the guests I _____ aren't worthy of the honor.
 - ◇ _____ in Temple torn in two, top to bottom Matthew 27.51
 - ◇ 70 a.m. _____ destroyed Mat. 24.4-35
 - ◇ Revelation 12.3-6 _____ rejected Jesus
- ◆ IN with the _____
 - ◇ INVITE _____ : The New Spiritual Jews are the ones who accept. Romans 2.28-29
 - ◇ _____ – Morally sound by earthly standards
 - ◇ _____ – Morally lacking by all standards
 - ◇ Banquet hall _____ with guests.

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is _____ of _____, abounding in riches for _____ who _____ on Him; Romans 10.12

The Unprepared Friend

- ◆ Without _____ – Sweats, flip-flops, and a t-shirt are not appropriate attire for the wedding of Jesus & His church.

- ◆ Making _____ is about being prepared or bearing _____ .
- ◆ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear _____ for _____. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear _____ for _____. Romans 7.4-5



Fine New Clothes

So the angel said to the others standing there, "Take off his _____ clothes." ... "See, I have taken away your _____ , and now I am giving you these fine _____ clothes." Zechariah 3.4