

## “JESUS IS OUR SECRET”

### **Matthew 22:1-14 NLT**

*Jesus also told them other parables. He said, <sup>2</sup>“The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. <sup>3</sup>When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come! <sup>4</sup>“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!’ <sup>5</sup>But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them. <sup>7</sup>“The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town. <sup>8</sup>And he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren’t worthy of the honor. <sup>9</sup> Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.’ <sup>10</sup>So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn’t wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. <sup>12</sup>‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?’ But the man had no reply. <sup>13</sup>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.’ <sup>14</sup>“For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

- Make a BIG deal out of Jesus
- Take BIG risks for Jesus
- Applaud Jesus loud and often

### **Questions for Discussion:**

- 1) What does it look like to make a big deal about Jesus?
  - When you’re at work?
  - When you’re with your family?
  - When you’re with your friends?
- 2) What is a big risk you have taken for Christ? How did that go?
- 3) When was the last time you took a risk for God that if he did not come through, it would fail?
- 4) What are ways in our lives we applaud Jesus? Would others who are around us on a daily basis see us doing that?
- 5) What in our life does Christ receive credit for?
  - Family? Health? Position? Finances?