

# The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

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## The King's Road: A Wedding Feast and Taxes

Matthew 22:1–22 | Small Group Study Guide

### Small Group Discussion Questions

#### 1. The King's Invitation — Matthew 22:1–10

1. Why do you think the invited guests refused to attend the king's wedding feast? What does their response reveal about their attitude toward the king?
2. The king sent a second invitation, describing the feast and emphasizing that everything was ready. Why might someone ignore an invitation even when the opportunity is valuable?
3. Verse 5 says some people simply went back to their farms or businesses. What are some ordinary responsibilities or distractions that can keep people from responding to God?
4. The king eventually sent his servants to invite everyone they could find, both good and bad. What does this tell us about the reach of God's invitation?

#### 2. Responding to the King's Invitation — Matthew 22:11–14

1. Why was the wedding garment important in the parable? What does the man's response—or lack of one—reveal about his situation?
2. The sermon identifies several responses to the king: ignoring the invitation, violently rejecting it, accepting it appropriately, and attempting to enter on one's own terms. Which of these responses do you think is most easily overlooked today?
3. What is the difference between being around the things of God and genuinely responding to God in faith?
4. How should Jesus' warning about judgment affect the way we understand the invitation to enter God's kingdom?

#### 3. A Taxing Test — Matthew 22:15–17

1. Why did the Pharisees and Herodians join together to question Jesus, even though they had different beliefs and political interests?
2. They began by flattering Jesus before asking their question. How can flattery or seemingly sincere words be used to hide dishonest motives?
3. Why was the question about paying taxes to Caesar such a difficult test? What were they hoping Jesus would say?

4. What is the difference between asking a sincere question because we want to understand God's truth and asking a question because we want to challenge or discredit Him?

#### **4. Giving to Caesar and Giving to God — Matthew 22:18–22**

1. How did Jesus expose the hypocrisy of those questioning Him?
2. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"?
3. Genesis 1:27 teaches that human beings are made in God's image. How does this truth help us understand what we owe God?
4. How can Christians respect government authority while recognizing that government is not God and does not deserve our ultimate allegiance?
5. If everything ultimately belongs to God, what might it look like to give Him the allegiance, obedience, and worship He deserves?

#### **Application Questions**

1. Responding to God's invitation: Is there an area of your life where you have been distracted by work, responsibilities, or personal interests instead of responding to what God is calling you to do?
2. Examining your heart: Are you merely familiar with Christianity and the things of God, or have you genuinely responded to Christ in faith?
3. Coming on God's terms: Are you tempted to approach God on your own terms, trusting your good works, religious activity, or reputation rather than depending on His grace?
4. Checking your motives: When you read Scripture or hear a challenging sermon, do you approach God's Word with a willingness to obey, or do you look for reasons to avoid what it says?
5. Giving God what belongs to Him: Since you are made in God's image, what part of your life—your time, priorities, relationships, resources, or decisions—needs to come under His authority more fully?
6. Taking a next step: What is one specific action you can take this week to demonstrate that God has your trust and allegiance?

**Brief Prayer Time**

Invite group members to pray around these four themes:

- A responsive heart: Ask God to help us hear and respond faithfully to His invitation rather than becoming distracted or indifferent.
- Genuine faith: Pray that we would trust Christ rather than our own goodness, religious activity, or preferred way of approaching God.
- Honest motives: Ask God to expose pride, hypocrisy, and any tendency to resist His truth when it challenges us.
- Undivided allegiance: Pray that we would honor our responsibilities in the world while giving God the worship, obedience, and devotion that belong to Him alone.

**Closing Thought:**

The King has extended His invitation, and Jesus has made clear that our response matters. We must not ignore His call, reject His authority, or try to approach Him on our own terms. We are made in God's image and belong to Him. The question is not simply whether we know about the King, but whether we have responded to Him in faith and given Him the place He deserves.