

Gospel for October 11, 2020 – lesson for 4th-6th grade

Read the below Gospel slowly listening for a word or phrase that jumps out at you. Read it again then think about the answers to the first couple questions. Read it again, slowly, and think about the answers to the next couple questions. Continue to re-read the Gospel and think about possible answers. Do you think you get a deeper understanding by re-reading the story multiple times? Do you find yourself focusing on different parts?

Matthew 22:1-10

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

1. What type of things do you do to prepare for a party or a special dinner?
2. How would you feel if no one came?
3. How did the first invited guests respond to the invitation?
4. What if the king were God does this change how you read it?
5. Remember this is a parable (a story used to teach a moral or spiritual lesson) so what could the “wedding banquet” really be?
6. Who ended up being the guests?
7. Why did the king invite good and bad people to the banquet? Who do you think God would invite to a special banquet?
8. How are you like the guests invited to the wedding banquet? How are you different?
9. Are you ever busy doing other things which might cause you to miss an invitation from God? What are things that bring you close to God? What are things that keep you from God?
10. Are there any parts of this lesson you find uncomfortable?

After reading through this Gospel and thinking about it, are there one or two things you could change that would help bring you closer to God?