

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Discussion Questions**

Matthew 22

1. In this chapter Jesus teaches a parable comparing the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast. Why do you think Jesus uses a banquet as a metaphor for heaven? Who does the king represent? Who is the son? Who are the guests?
  
2. Who finally attends the wedding? How are they different from the typical wedding guest? If the wedding represents God's kingdom, how would you describe the people who will enter the kingdom?
  
3. After reading verses 11-13, why do you think one of the guests was cast out of the wedding? What is appropriate clothing for the kingdom of heaven and how can we obtain it?
  
4. Consider those who heard this teaching: the religious leaders rejected Jesus' teaching, but the social outcasts, sinners, and prostitutes welcomed it joyfully. How do you think the common people interpreted Jesus' message? With whom do you most identify and why?
  
5. In verses 15-40, the Pharisees and Sadducees engage Jesus in an extended discussion. What is their purpose in questioning Jesus? What can we learn from Jesus' response to them about dealing with people who challenge our faith?
  
6. Time and again, Jesus answers his enemies with the truth of Scripture. What do you learn from this about the priority you need to give to studying God's Word? Share one thought with your group about how you can have consistent devotional time with the Lord.