

**Transition:**

Jesus has entered into Jerusalem as King! He is establishing His authority from the miracle of the Fig Tree to the Parable of the Talents. It is clear that Jesus is indeed the King. So, the decree of The King has gone out, inviting all to the Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

**Tell the story:**

Tell the story (with passion!) Do the best you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

**Rebuild the story:**

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Who are the servants of which Jesus is speaking? Judges? Prophets? Kings?
2. Compare this version of the parable to Luke 14:16-24. What do you think about the excuses people made for not attending?
3. What does it mean for someone to be *called*, but not *chosen*? (John 6:44, 15:16; Eph 1:4-10)

**Fundamental:**

Heaven – 2 Pet 3:13 "We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth which righteousness dwells." The Promise of everlasting life and a place eternal in the Heavens is all through Scripture. Jesus is preparing a place for us, and it will be more beautiful than anything our eyes have ever seen (1 Cor 2:9). We all long to be home because, like the man who found the treasure hidden in the field, when we experience what heaven is like on earth, we can't help but obey Jesus' command to go into the highways and byways and compel them to come in.

1. What do you think heaven is actually like? Will there be an actual feast? What will we DO for all eternity? (Ps 33:13; Luke 23:43; John 14:2; Acts 1:11; Php 1:21-23; Heb 11:10,16; Rev 21)
2. Does everyone go? Why? (Matt 25:46)
3. What should we say to those that seem to be looking forward more to seeing their relatives again than seeing God face to face? (i.e. What is the true highlight of heaven?)

**Homework/Challenge:**

1. Share what Heaven is like this week with a stranger and invite them to Church.
2. Please read Matthew 23 in preparation for next week.

**Discipleship Tip:**

Be excited to meet God face to face (more so than being reunited with relatives...).

**Prayer:**

Lord, we ask for courage for when we go out into our jobs to invite them to Church and into the Kingdom. I ask that you put the person you want me to ask right in front of me this week.