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## 005. Dressed for Dinner

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# TABLE TALK

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## Dressed for Dinner

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### Prepare:

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*As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (based on Isaiah 61:10)*

C: We rejoice in the LORD

R: For He has clothed us in garments of salvation.

C: We rejoice in the Lord

R: For He has covered us in robes of righteousness.

C: We greatly rejoice in the LORD.

### Read: Read Matthew 21:33-46 (ESV)

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

### Reflect:

Because of Christ the doors to the banquet hall have been thrown open for all, including us. But unlike the wedding guest we need not fear the wrath of our King. In our baptism we are dressed appropriately, clothed with the robes of Christ's righteousness.

*Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Matthew 22:1-14) means for you as a family.*

*Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.*

### Pray:

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*The head of the household prays:*

Father in heaven, thank you for calling and choosing us in Christ, sealing that promise with the Holy Spirit in baptism. Use us to extend your call to others. In Jesus's name, Amen.