

## **SMALL GROUP RESOURCE**

We get to pass out party invitations.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Matthew 21

Matthew 22:1-14

Luke 14:8-24

Revelation 19:1-9

2 Corinthians 5

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

We are looking at a parable. To have it make sense it is important to think about the audience it was originally spoken to.

#### **Matthew 22:1-14**

Compare this parable with the one in Matthew 21:33-46.

Who is Jesus talking to?

What is He trying to get them to understand?

How would you feel if you were one of those in the audience?

Who do the characters in the parable represent? Think first about the original audience and then think about who these characters would represent if Jesus told this parable today.

What does this parable tell you about heaven?

What are the wedding clothes? Who do you think provides them?

If our role is to invite, then what could you do as an individual to create more opportunities to invite people to the party? What could your small group do?

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

Pray for opportunities to invite people to God's party.

Pray for those you have invited, but have yet to respond.

Pray for God's heart to reach out to the unlovely.

Thank God for His grace and faithful love.

## **FAMILY RESOURCES**

**BIG IDEA:** We get to pass out party invitations.

### **READ MATTHEW 22:1-10**

Why did the king send servants instead of a letter or email or a phone call?

Why do you think the people wouldn't come?

What did the people do to the servants?

What did the king do?

Who ended up at the party?

When was the last time you were late to the dinner table?

Why were you late? What happened when you got there?

### **READ MATTHEW 22:1-10**

A parable is a story with another meaning.

Who do you think the king was supposed to be?

Who do you think the people invited to the party are?

Who do you think was murdered?

Who goes to the party?

Decorate your dining area with balloons.

After dinner, play balloon volleyball!

### **READ MATTHEW 22:11-14**

Who made it to the party but didn't get to stay? Why?

Where do you think all the other people got their wedding clothes?

Why do you think the man refused to change?

Make bibs for the whole family and some extras for guests.

Pick a day, time, and menu for dinner,

THEN, keep inviting people

until someone comes to eat with you.

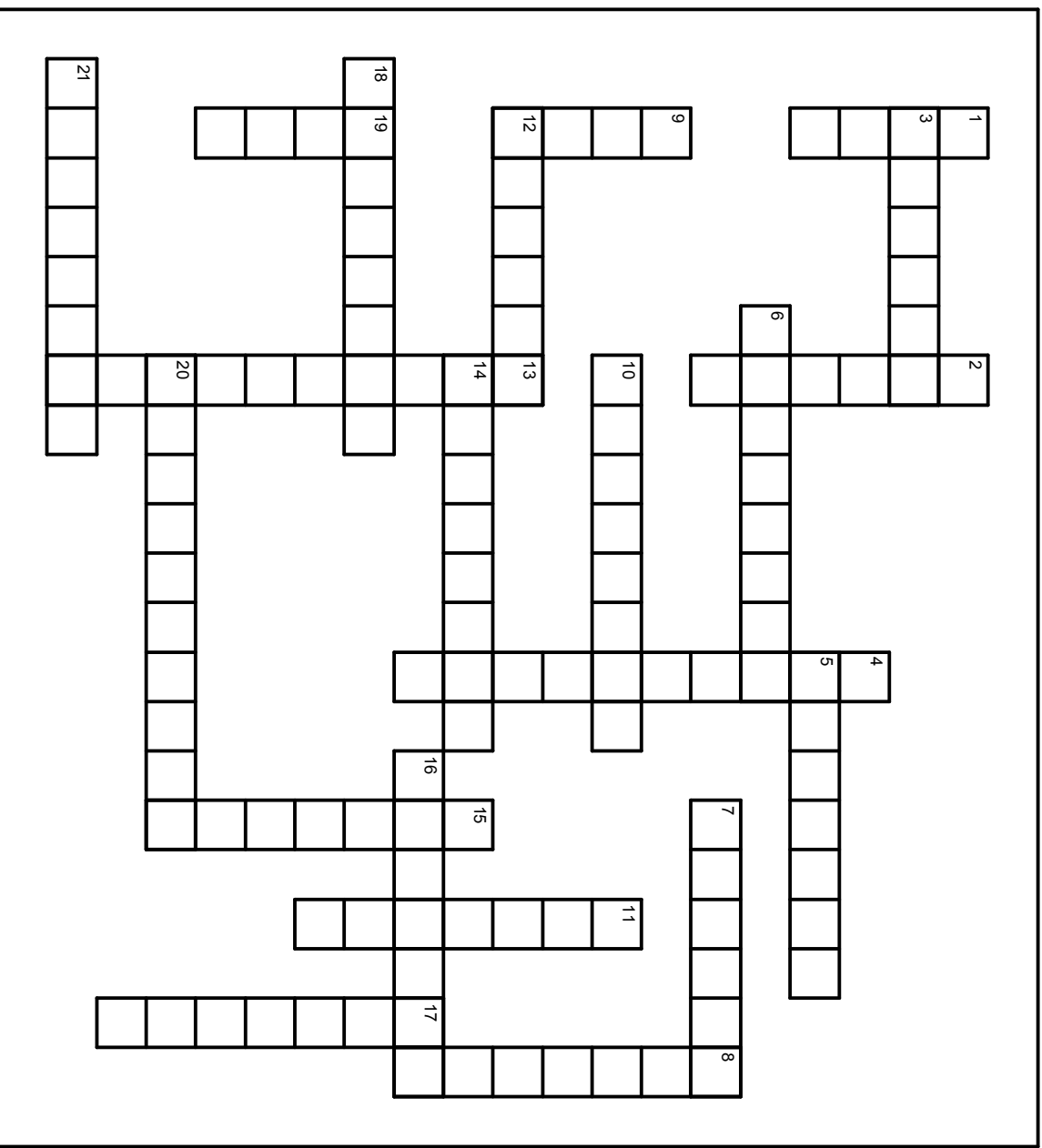
Be sure they wear their bibs!

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

“And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come back and take you to be with me  
that you also may be where I am.”

John 14:3

# Come to the Party



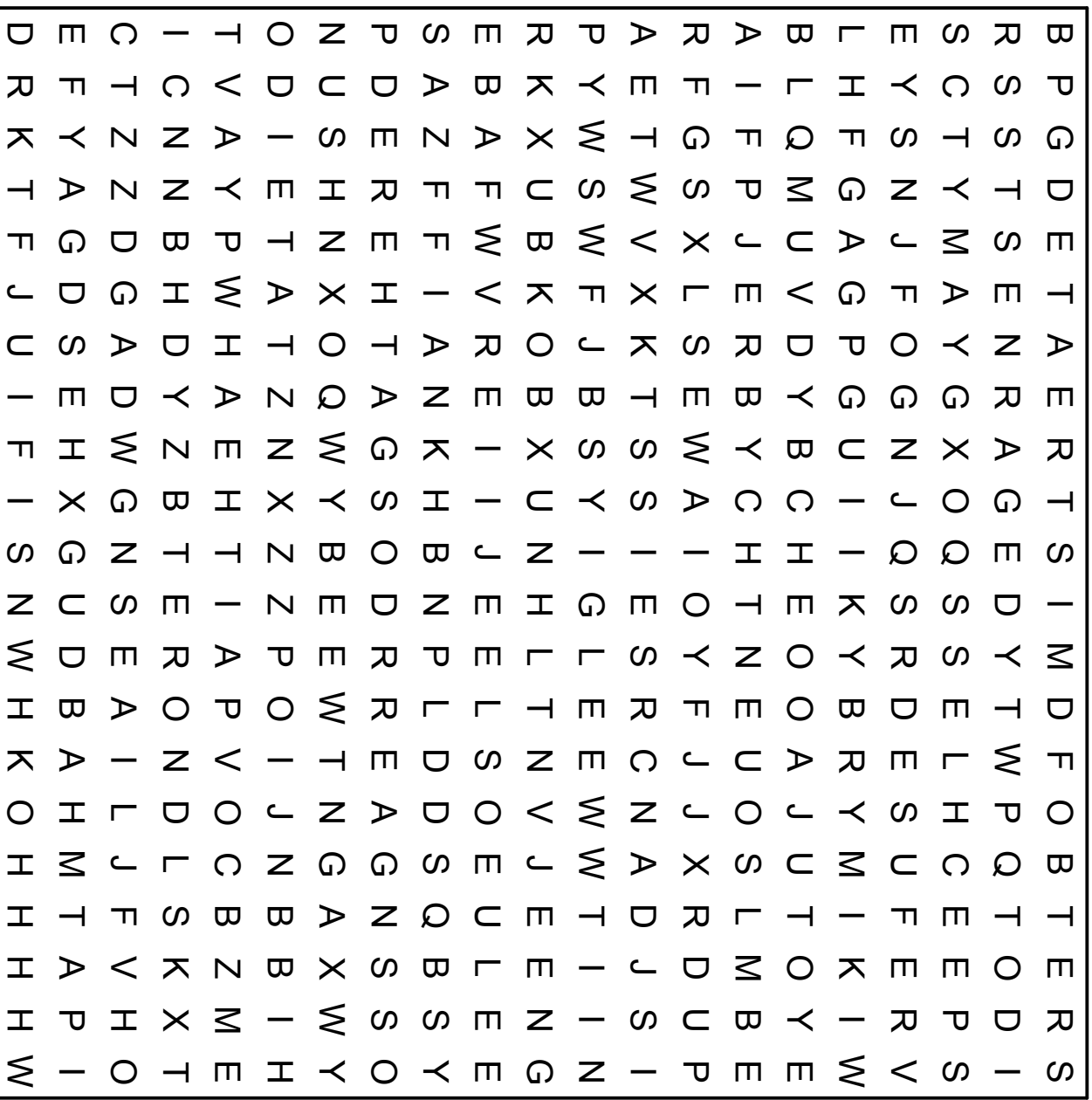
## Across

3. whoever (Matthew 22:9)
5. asked (Matthew 22:8)
6. workers (Matthew 22:4)
7. selected (Matthew 22:14)
10. collected (Matthew 22:10)
12. honored visitors (Matthew 22:10)
14. got ready (Matthew 22:2)
16. would not (Matthew 22:3)
18. made-up stories with hidden meanings (Matthew 22:1)
20. all (Matthew 22:4)
21. place of work (Matthew 22:5)

## Down

1. room (Matthew 22:10)
2. grabbed (Matthew 22:6)
4. hurt (Matthew 22:6)
8. saw (Matthew 22:11)
9. ruler (Matthew 22:2)
11. feast (Matthew 22:8)
13. had no answer (Matthew 22:12)
15. crying (Matthew 22:13)
17. really mad (Matthew 22:7)
19. group of warriors (Matthew 22:7)

# Come to the Party



parables      king      banquet      servants      refused

business      seized      enraged      invited      anyone

hall      noticed      speechless      weeping      chosen

prepared      everything      mistreated      army      gathered

guests

# Come to the Party

1. SUSGET \_\_\_\_\_

2. LARBASPE \_\_\_\_\_

3. SSNBSEIU \_\_\_\_\_

4. GINK \_\_\_\_\_

5. IEDZES \_\_\_\_\_

6. TIINVED \_\_\_\_\_

7. EREDUFS \_\_\_\_\_

8. ETONCDI \_\_\_\_\_

9. ATBEQNU \_\_\_\_\_

10. VHGTIEEYRN \_\_\_\_\_

11. HNOOSE \_\_\_\_\_

12. AMYR \_\_\_\_\_

13. LAHL \_\_\_\_\_

14. RENVASAST \_\_\_\_\_

15. MITRDTAEEES \_\_\_\_\_

16. RPEDPEAR \_\_\_\_\_

17. AOYNENI \_\_\_\_\_

18. EERAHDTG \_\_\_\_\_

19. WNEGIEP \_\_\_\_\_

20. DANEEGR \_\_\_\_\_

21. SSEPEELSCH \_\_\_\_\_