



## CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 6: Religion to Redemption  
Episode 3: You Are Invited  
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**Fall trimester:** 8/17–12/7

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**THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:** Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

**Share Wins, Praises and Prayers:** Where did you see God move this week?

**The Point:** Have you been flirting with Jesus on your own terms? Are you ready to follow Jesus on His terms?

**Action Step Review:** **Last week's action step:** *Pray every day this week: "Lord, help my heart love what You love and hate what You hate. Break my heart for what breaks Yours. Show me anything in my life that does not honor You, and give me the courage to not just feel convicted, but to do something about it. My "yes" is on the table."* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

**Memory Verse:** *Romans 12:11-12*

**Sermon Text:** *Psalms 118:22-23; Matthew 21:23-46, 22:1-14; Romans 13:12,14; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 3:8-10*

## Discussion Questions

**Leaders:** Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer every question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper. **The answers in parentheses** are simply possible responses you can use after your group has shared their thoughts to help keep the discussion going. They are not intended to be the only or "correct" answers.

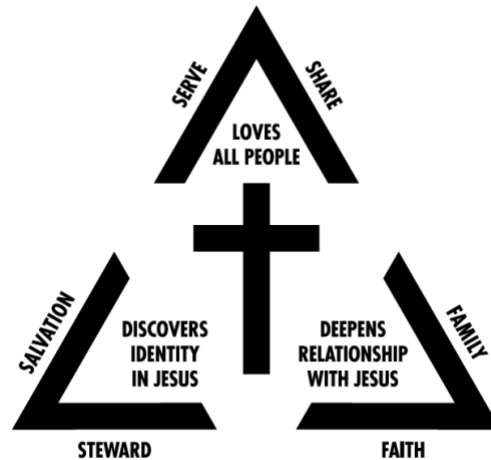
- **Read Matthew 21:23-46 and 22:1-14. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Read Matthew 21:23. What are the religious leaders upset about?** *(They are losing power and control. Jesus is claiming to be God and operate in that authority. The miracles He is doing and the lives changed are undeniable, and they're mad?! Anger is love in motion to protect what you love most. They loved their authority, control and influence.)*
- **Jesus tells three parables with the same point. Share a time when God repeated something in your life to make a point.**
- **Read Matthew 21:28-32. What does the parable of the two sons teach us about the difference between saying we follow Jesus and actually following Him?** *(Obedience matters; religious words aren't the same as surrender; genuine faith produces action. We still see this in today's church. Intentions are useless without action. Where do you sometimes struggle, saying you will obey, but then not follow through? It's not how you start but how you finish.)*
- **What made it easier for the tax collectors and prostitutes to follow Jesus than it was for the Pharisees?** *(The Pharisees were prideful and believed their good deeds could save them. But even our righteous deeds are filthy rags to a Holy God. What you need to be saved is NEED. The religious missed who Jesus was, did not repent and pisteuo [to believe in, trust or have faith in].)*
- **Discover:** **Read Matthew 21:33-41. Discuss the parable.** *(God created the world, fenced off a piece and put Israel there to steward it for everyone to be blessed. He gave them favor – wine, and power- a tower. The season of fruit is now. We are in the season of harvest. Jesus is here to accomplish the point of the vineyard. Jesus will be crushed. Blood will flow like wine. We will drink it and be reconciled to the master. The religious leaders should have been door holders but instead they were bouncers.)*  
**Deepen:** **What is the core of our sin?** *(We think God is holding something back from us and what we want is better than what He has for us. We want to sit on the throne made for Him.)*
- **Read Matthew 22:1-14. Discuss the parable of the wedding feast.** *(This is the primary illustration of our salvation! There's a union, love, a vow and a celebration! God is gracious and patient with those who won't come. But to ignore God or to outright reject God have the same result! No one is too far gone or too prideful for an invitation. Everyone is invited and gets in the same way. The price has already been paid. See Galatians 3:27; Romans 13:12,14; Colossians 3:8-10.)*
- **The King provided the wedding garment, but one man chose to come wearing his own. What does the wedding garment teach us about what Jesus does for us that we could never do for ourselves?** *(Jesus gives us His righteousness because we can't make ourselves righteous. Salvation is received, not earned.)*

**Action Step:** Pray and ask God to reveal one area where you have been saying the right things but not walking in obedience. Confess it to God and take one specific step in a new direction.

## Your Discipleship Journey

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