

April 17th, Would You Rather
Part 1 in the series 'Engraved Invitation'

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Jim said that there is a strength, wisdom, courage, security, and a connection with God that can only be experienced in community. What do you think of that idea?

Rebecca is a believer in Sri Lanka who survived a bombing at her church. She said we can experience God's love and forgiveness for us and the world because of our pain, not in spite of our pain. Thoughts?

What did Jim say was responsible for the Spread of Christianity?

What do you think of Christianity as history? Is that how you think of it?

Read Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

What is our invitation? (True significance, new community of love and belonging, genuine freedom, truth that sets you free, a joyous celebration of worship and gratitude)

Do we need to be in community to be part of the kingdom of God?

Read Luke 14:16-24

16 Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. **17** At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' **18** "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' **19** "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' **20** "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' **21** "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' **22** "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' **23** "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. **24** I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

What does the wedding feast represent?

What is the best event you have ever attended?

What are some things we prioritize above the community of God's kingdom? Why do we do this?

What is an engraved invitation? What is our engraved invitation?