

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE KINGDOM IS REAL: WEEK 5

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What's the most significant invitation you've ever received? What made this invitation so important? Was the invitation spoken? Was it on fancy paper? How did it feel in that moment to receive such an invitation? How has that invitation changed your life?

Read Luke 14:7-24. Jesus speaks a lot about banquets in this passage. What is some of the practical advice He gives us in this section? What broader truths do these stories point us toward? In what ways is the Kingdom of God like a banquet? Why is the invitation to the Kingdom so important?

In Jesus' parable, some of the invitees decline the invitation, most with good reasons. What are some of the excuses we give today that keep us from accepting Jesus' invitation? As you think back over your own story, what were some of the excuses that initially kept you from accepting? What excuses keep us from extending the invitation?

Kyle talked about the ways we might use social media to extend the invitation into the Kingdom. What are some ways you might utilize social media in this way? What are some of the fears that might keep us from sharing our faith on the internet? How could sharing the invitation change the temperature of what we typically see on social media?

There's a difference between having an open door and extending an invitation. As Christians, what does it look like for us to do both? How should we be people of hospitality – both in our homes and at church? What are some things you can do as a Group to go out and share the invitation with others?

Who are some people in your life who need to hear the invitation? How has God positioned you in their life to share the invitation with them? Close together by praying for these people by name and asking God to present you with the opportunity to extend the invitation to them this week.