



## Discussion Questions

### Matthew 22:1-14 *The Parable of the Wedding Banquet*

In telling her faith story and sharing about her call to ministry, Pastor Cindy says she was often told to be quiet, to stop asking questions, and to “learn it the way we teach it.” How did it make you feel when you heard this was her experience? Who have been your Bible teachers over the years?

Because of the theology she often heard growing up, Pastor Cindy, at one time, believed God was put off by her or didn’t want to have anything to do with her. Could you relate? What are some images of God that are helpful? What are some images for God that are unhelpful?

Is anyone “unworthy of table fellowship”? Explain your answer.

At the conclusion of her sermon, Pastor Cindy shares a better translation of the parable, based on the Greek words for “like” and “king.” The interpretation ends up being “The kingdom of God is said to be like the ways of this human king.” How does this help you to better understand or enter the story?

The gospel teaches us that God behaves in far more gracious ways than the human king in this story does. How do you know this to be true?

