

Called to Invite Everyone

Sermon Outline (Psalm 106:6-7, 19-23 and Matthew 22:1-14)

- I. Many felt called to leave Egypt during the Exodus.
 - A. Exodus 12:38 says non-Hebrew folks went too.
 - B. God showed many miracles/provided for them.
 - C. Mo gone long, they commit idolatry w/golden calf
 - D. Ps. 106:23-God relented-didn't destroy them when Moses interceded; God showed mercy to sinful people.
- II. Marginalized people are called to follow Jesus.
 - A. Rev. Linda Kelly ministered to homeless.
 1. Some were mentally ill, addicted or disabled.
 2. Befriended/ministered to marginalized people?
 - B. Not everyone will continue in faith. Our calling- to share gospel w/all but they must decide to follow J.
- III. In Matt. 22's Parable of Wedding Feast all R called.
 - A. Those who'd been 1st invited refused to come at 2nd call so the enraged King had them destroyed.
 - B. Servants sent out to invite "anyone you find."; both good & bad came; wedding hall was filled.
 - C. The wedding guests expected to wear wedding clothes given to them by the host. Relates to how all must be clothed in righteousness of Christ.
- IV. Clothed in Christ to keep in faith/have eternal life
 - A. OT: Psalm 132:16 "clothe w/salvation" Is. 61:10 God "has clothed me w/...robe of righteousness"
 - B. NT: Ro. 13:14 & Ga. 3:27 "clothe(d) yourselves w/...Christ" Rev 3:4-5 "walk w/me dressed in white" vs18"white clothes"
 - C. Man w/out a wedding garment was speechless, he didn't know how to respond. Raises the issue of:
 1. how will we respond if asked by God, "why should I let you into my heavenly banquet?"
 2. Our response should be "Christ died for me. He's my savior. His blood covers my sins-I'm forgiven. I'm clothed in Christ; I'm His beloved child."
- V. Holy Communion helps us remember God's love in sending Jesus to die for everyone's sins, so we can rejoice in His salvation.