

God's affections are centered on His Eternal Son, Jesus Christ, being honored and glorified by all.

God's patience and graciousness define His character in His pursuit of you.

God's holiness punishes the unresponsive to His invitation.

God's standards require people to respond with repentance and faith.

Questions for Discussion:

What does the king's gracious invitation to his son's wedding feast – not once, but twice (22:4) - tell you about God's heart?

How should God's heart challenge our hearts toward the lost?

Do you know non-Christians who are:

-Indifferent, apathetic and complacent to God's gracious offer?

To what degree do you think hedonism, materialism or selfish ambition is behind their apathy?

-Hostile to the gospel and its messengers?

-Attempting to "lie," "try," "buy," or "pry" their way into God's favor?

If so, share with each other examples you know of, and considering God's heart for the lost, discuss how you can reach out to such people (Could any of them be "invited" to our Christmas Eve services?).

Take time as a group to pray for each of the lost mentioned as well as boldness for those who will reach out to them.