

Grace Group Study Guide
Word of God Speak- Week 4

Open:

- God loves you. Do you believe that God loves you? Think of one example and share it with the group.
- Define the love of God. Define the wrath of God.
- How do God's love and wrath work in unison?

1. Matthew 22:1-3;9

- What did the wedding feast look like in Jesus' day? How does the wedding feast analogy reveal the love of God?
- How do we see God's love for Israel in the call of Abraham? (Hosea 11:1) How does this affirm the sovereignty of God? How can this help us understand HIS love and HIS wrath?
- How does Matthew 22 connect the coming of the Messiah with a wedding feast?

2. Matthew 22:3-6; 11-12

- God made an invitation to HIS wedding feast. What types of responses are highlighted? How can we compare this to our understanding of salvation?
- Who were the messengers of God? What happened to them?
- How are we to understand the clothing reference? (Isaiah 64:6; 61:10)
- What tragic response do we learn of in the wedding feast analogy? Why was the man expelled? What was his response? How might we apply this to our understanding of eternal life?

3. Matthew 22:7-8; 13-14

- What does this text teach us about God's invitation to salvation? How do the invitation and response uphold a proper perspective of God's love and wrath?
- How do God's love and wrath collide at the cross?
- How does God's wrath help us:
 - How does God's wrath keep us honest in our evangelism? (Acts 24:25)
 - How does God's wrath help us maintain the ability to forgive our enemies? (Romans 12:19)
 - How does God's wrath empower us to risk our lives for the gospel? (Revelation 6:10)
 - How does God's wrath help us to live holy lives? (Galatians 6:6-7)
 - How does God's wrath teach us mercy? (Eph. 2:23; John 3:18; Rom. 5:10)
 - How does God's wrath teach us of the splendor of heaven? (Revelation 21:8)
 - How does God's wrath teach us the importance of "soul care"? (1 John 2:17)
 - How does God's wrath keep us ready for the return of Jesus?

