

“Go ye therefore”

Icebreaker; Tell of a time when you were; 1) invited to something, 2) RSVP you were coming, 3) and then you chose not to go. What was the reason for not going?

The big picture; There are two times in the King James when the exact phrase is used “Go ye therefore”. A feast has been prepared. The guests have not come. The servants have been sent out to fill the tables.....You have been invited to be 1) the servant extending the invitations and 2) the guest attending.

Read Matthew 22:8-9

- 1) Why were the servants sent out? Do you think the host was offended by the lack of attendees? What was his response to the situation?
- 2) In this parable, who do you think is analogous as the guests that never showed up initially? Who are the guests that are eventually invited in their place?

Read Matthew 28: 19-20

- 1) Would you call this the great commission or the great commandment? Why? What might be the military implications?
- 2) If you do “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and body” would it not also follow that you would follow His direction? What would prevent you from doing so?
- 3) Have you ever felt like you were one of the guests that never showed up to the feast? Explain.
- 4) All guilt aside since we serve the God of “another” chance. From this day forward how do you make sure that you will always come to the feast when you are invited?

Pray for each other to have discerning ears, minds and hearts and to be sensitive to God's leading as you are both the guest invited and the servant sharing the invitation.