

What a Banquet!

- Offering plate filled with sweets!
 - contrast the normal physical messages we send out in church!
 - Draping someone with party popper stuff!
 - circle, person in middle, shoot over the top...
 - just for fun!
 - Picture of heaven Jesus most often fixed upon was a banquet:
 - a wonderful celebratory meal, with everything that is the best
 - something to really, genuinely look forward to
 - *Where do we picture ourselves at the heavenly banquet - imagine!*
 - Picture of banquet often often intertwined with picture of a wedding banquet:
 - with Jesus as groom... and the church, us, as bride!
 - we will be at the centre!
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Will you come to the Banquet?

- Are the reasons given in the passage for not coming good reasons?
 - why or why not?
 - new field, oxen, married...
- All those reasons are concerned with what people already have and not with what will be
- All those who do come - who have the simple fact that they accepted the invitation in common - can see that what they have now is not as good as what will be at the king's banquet
- Are we more concerned with what we already have:
 - job, family, partner, children, pets, ipod, music, house, car...
- Or are we more concerned with how good it will be in God's banquet?