



STUDY GUIDE

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The Bride of Christ

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What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?

In your own words - how would you summarize the theological message of today's text?

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the bride/bridegroom or husband/wife image is so widely used in Scripture? What makes it especially apt?
2. **Apply It!** Are there things in your own experience that might make it difficult to identify with the image of the church (including you!) as the bride of Christ? How can you address those things to help better understand/live out this truth?
3. Based on Ephesians 5:22-33, what is the role of the bride? The bridegroom/husband? What does this mean for the church in relation to Christ?
4. Why is the picture in Revelation 19:6-10 so important to a proper understanding of what it means to be the bride of Christ?
5. **Apply It!** How does the coming "marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:6) bring hope into even the darkest times of life?
6. How does the "bride" metaphor expand our understanding of what it means to be one of God's people?
7. **Apply It!** What will you do, based on this passage, to better pursue our mission - to Live for God, to Love Each Other, and to Build God's Kingdom?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Spend some time this week thanking God for his love for us. Thank him that even though we are so often unfaithful, he is ALWAYS faithful. Ask the Father to strengthen our understanding of the church as the bride of Christ - and ask that he would help us to live secure in the love of Christ and in the great hope of Rev. 19:6-10!