



Bible study for the week starting September 7, 2025

SHARE

What's the best, most fun, most joy-filled wedding you've ever attended? What made it great? (Alternate topic: What's the worst? What made it terrible?!)

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Revelation 19:6-10**. One of the defining images of the book of Revelation isn't of the horsemen of the apocalypse or dragons or beast but rather the familiar image of a wedding feast. Why is this such a beautiful image to use for what happens at the end?
2. One of the 7 "blesseds" in Revelation comes in these verses: "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." What blessings does this statement evoke in you?
3. Read **Matthew 22:1-14**. Jesus uses the image of weddings more than once in the Gospels. What do we learn about the guest list and dress code from this parable? What do we learn about the heart and character of God?
4. Pastor Marvin last week highlighted the substance behind the word "Hallelujah," pointing out that the word has even more substance when it comes after a time of suffering. How has this been true in your own life?
5. Read **Deuteronomy 30:14-20**. God invites us, but we still have the choice whether to accept or decline the invitation. What are the stakes?

PRAY

Pray that God would give you both anticipation and preparation as the day draws near, and that His promise and current action in your life would lead you to the one reasonable conclusion: "Worship God."



The Wedding Invitation

Revelation 19:6-10 (Deuteronomy 30:14-20; Matthew 22:1-14)

September 7, 2025 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Hallelujah = “Praise the Lord” = SUBSTANCE after SUFFERING

The View-Master: “After this...” “then...” “then...” “and when...”

Almighty = *pantocrator* = “Lord of HOSTS”

The IDENTITY of the righteousness of Jesus BECOMES you.

The 4th (of 7) “BLESSED.” “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”



The HEART of God in the parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22) is INVITATIONAL; the takeaway comes at the end: “For MANY are called, but FEW are chosen” (Matt. 22:14).

God is not inviting you to be a GUEST; you, in this beautiful metaphor, are the BRIDE of Christ.

The simple imperative: WORSHIP GOD.

For next Sunday, please read Revelation 19:11-21.