

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Revelation End Game
Week 9 Study

Icebreaker

Is there an emotion that can be more beneficial than others? If so, which emotion do you think is more beneficial? How about the most destructive?

Passage 1 Revelation 21:1-3 (NIV)

1 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Reflection What similarities do you see here that we celebrate on earth?

Passage 2 Revelation 21:9-11 (NIV)

9 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

Reflection Who is the bride? Stop and discuss.

Pastor Chris said, "YOU CAN BE COMMITTED TO THE CHURCH, BUT NOT COMMITTED TO CHRIST, BUT YOU CANNOT BE COMMITTED TO CHRIST AND NOT COMMITTED TO CHURCH." Do you agree?

Passage 3 Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Reflection How is a husband to love his wife and a wife love her husband?
Do we witness this type of love in the church?
In, your opinion does society have a higher view of God than the church?
In this passage we see that the church is precious to God so should the church be precious to us?

Passage 4 **Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' 5 "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. 13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Reflection What do you make of the king's instructions to his servants in verse 9, "Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find?"
If the wedding represents God's kingdom, what kind of people will be part of God's kingdom according to this verse?
What do you think Jesus wanted to accomplish by telling this parable?

Application

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.). Rev 19:7-8

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