

Faith Community Church Heavenly Wedding

Faith Group Questions & Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Pray for eyes to see the true Jesus and the hope we have in the Bridegroom who is coming for us.

Icebreaker Question: What's the most memorable wedding you've ever attended, and what made it special?

Key Takeaways:

- 1. Marriage is a gospel issue it reflects and preaches the relationship between Christ and His church.
- 2. Corporate worship is warfare gathering to worship is an act of defiance against the world's rebellion.
- 3. We are currently betrothed to Christ this is our season to prove faithfulness, purity, and devotion.
- 4. Our deeds matter eternally we're not saved BY works, but we are saved FOR works that will clothe us in heaven.
- 5. Jesus is the main event Revelation is all about the revealing of who Jesus truly is as King, Lord, and Bridegroom.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Did you memorize, share, fight, or worship last week? Tell us about it!
- 2. Read Ephesians 5:25-32. How does viewing marriage as a reflection of Christ and the church change your perspective on marriage? What does this add to your understanding of why God created marriage?
- 3. Of the four traditional Jewish marriage stages: selection, betrothal, presentation, and marriage supper, we are currently in the betrothal period, surrounded by temptations to be unfaithful to our future Bridegroom. How should we live today? (Revelation 2:8-11)
- 4. What are some specific ways our culture tries to pull us away from faithfulness to Christ? How can corporate worship serve as an act of defiance against Babylon's unfaithfulness? (Revelation 18:3, 19:1-2)

- 5. Read Revelation 19:8. Our "wedding dress" will be made of our righteous deeds. How does this truth motivate you? What are some practical "righteous deeds" you could be intentionally pursuing right now? (Matthew 25:31-46, James 2:14-26)
- 6. Have you ever been guilty of creating a "lesser version" of Jesus in your mind? Or of saying that God is judge but Jesus is love? What aspects of Jesus' character do you tend to overlook or minimize? How can you acquire and hold to a truer version of Jesus? (John 1:1-14, Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:15-20, Revelation 19:11-16)

Practical Applications: Choose one of the following to practice this week:

- 1. Identify one area where you've been conforming to (pursuing) "Babylon" rather than pursuing holiness. Take one concrete step toward faithfulness in that area (set a boundary, establish accountability, remove a temptation.)
- 2. We're in a season of proving our love, devotion, and faithfulness to Jesus. Examine your calendar, budget, and priorities. What would someone particularly a non-Christian conclude about your devotion to Christ? Make a change to reflect faithfulness.
- 3. Make worship changes:
 - During the week, when you face spiritual opposition, speak or sing praise to God as an act of defiance.
 - Commit to arriving early to church next Sunday specifically to participate in the full worship experience. Prepare your heart and your family's hearts before you arrive by reading Scripture or singing together.
- 4. For those who are married: How can you better reflect Christ's love for the church in your marriage? Find and implement one specific way you could demonstrate gospel love to your spouse this week.

Closing Prayer: Father, give us purity in the waiting; victory over the Babylon in our lives; a larger, truer view of Jesus; and an anticipation of Christ's return. Bless our marriages - here, in the future, and in our communities. And help us to worship.