

# Life Group Study Notes

**Date:** 01<sup>st</sup> March 2026

**Sermon:** The Bride of Christ

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**Scriptures:** Matthew 22:37-40. Jeremiah 31:3. Matthew 25:10-11.  
Ephesians 5:25-27. Revelation 19:7-8

Further study questions can be taken from the “Bride Arise” study book.

## Scripture Questions:

1. Matt 22:37. Can we possibly love the Father like this? How can we invite the Holy Spirit to make this real for each of us and enable us to Love like this?
2. Jeremiah 31:3. How is God’s love described in this verse? In what ways have you seen God’s love and faithfulness in your life? What should our response be?
3. Matt 25:10-11. What is meant by this imagery of a wedding and the oil for their lamps? How do we prepare as the bride of Christ? How can we be ready for the bridegroom’s coming?
4. Ephesians 5:25-27 Describe the sacrificial love Christ has for his Church?
5. The Bible presents us as the Bride of Christ; how does this imagery enhance your understanding between Christ and his Church? E.g. 2 Corinthians 11:2
6. Rev 19:7-8. Who is the lamb and who is the bride? In what ways can you actively "make yourself ready" as part of the bride of Christ in your daily life?

## Personal Questions:

- Geoff said, “Die to every instinct to earn his love and acceptance” Do you agree with this? Is it possible we earn or deserve his love for us?
- What parallels can you draw between the marriage of the Lamb and earthly marriage, and how can these insights impact your relationships?
- What does it mean for you personally to be part of Christ’s bride?
- How do the additional scriptures (Ephesians 5:25-27, Matthew 22:1-14, Isaiah 61:10) deepen your understanding of Revelation 19:7, and how can they be applied to your spiritual journey?

## Prayer:

We rejoice and give You glory, for the wedding of the Lamb is sure and certain. Thank You for sending Jesus, our Redeemer, the spotless Lamb who gave Himself for us. Thank You that by His blood we are cleansed, called, and made part of His bride. May our lives bring You glory. May our church reflect the beauty of a prepared bride. And may we be found faithful when that great day comes.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.