



COVENANT LOVE

The Faithful Bridegroom

1. Share a memorable moment from a wedding ceremony you have attended. This could be something that was meaningful or simply hilarious.
2. Read Luke 22:19-20 & Peter 1:17-21. Pastor Seth stated that "covenant love is costly love," and Jesus purchased His bride with His own blood rather than silver or gold. How does the reality that you were "purchased at a price" change the way you value your life and your daily decisions?
3. Read the bride price (*mohar*) which established a binding relationship before the couple was even united. How does knowing that Jesus initiated the covenant with you while you were still in an "empty way of life" impact your sense of security in Him?
4. The message emphasizes that being part of the Church is not a "casual affiliation," but a state of belonging (Romans 7:4). In what practical ways should our lives look different if we truly believe we belong to Christ rather than ourselves?
5. Read Ephesians 1:11-14. The Holy Spirit is described as a *Mattan*, a tangible gift and "down payment" of our future inheritance. How does the presence of the Spirit in your life serve as covenant assurance when you face doubt or uncertainty about the future?
6. Jesus' departure to His Father's house is described as "faithful preparation" rather than abandonment. When you feel distant from God, how does the promise of John 14:1-3—that He is specifically preparing a place for you—change your perspective?
7. Read Matthew 25:13. In ancient customs, the bride lived in "expectant readiness" because she did not know the exact hour of the groom's return. Does your current lifestyle reflect "hope-filled expectation" or "uncertainty"? How can you cultivate a heart that is more alert?
8. To conclude, consider the direct question posed in the message: Where are you at with Jesus today? If you do not feel a "very real urgency" regarding His return and your relationship with Him, why might that be?

Group Breakouts

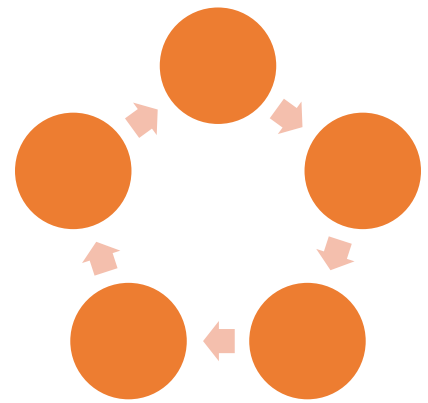
Group Breakouts works best when the group...

- spends 30 minutes praying
- breaks into smaller groups of ladies and gents
 - finds a space with the least distractions
 - talks more to God than with each other

1. Sit in a circle

2. Ask the question, “where do you feel weak?”

Be honest and real with one another. Challenge yourself to confess where you feel weak. Weakness can stem from sin issues, temptations, life worries, broken relationships, financial problems, health concerns, etc.



3. As a group, exhort and encourage them.

After one person confesses their weakness, take a moment as a group to collectively lovingly push and encourage one another spiritually with what was shared. Exhorting each other can help us grow and thrive spiritually.

4. Have the person to the left pray for their request out loud.

Take a moment for intercessional “prayer”, for another before God. This means you are the “go-between” through prayer between God and your brother or sister in Christ.

5. After the person on the left is done praying, now have them answer the question and **repeat the process** until everyone has shared and prayed for one another.