

Sunnyside Church Study Questions

Series: Ekklesia

Sermon: The Bride of Christ | **Date:** 6.21.26

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Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:6-9; 22.17

1. John the Baptist describes his role as 'friend of the bridegroom.' What does his posture — stepping aside so Jesus could increase — look like in your own life and in our church?
2. In Matthew 25, the foolish virgins believed but weren't prepared. What's the difference between believing in Jesus and being ready for him? What does 'readiness' look like practically in your daily life?
3. Ephesians 5:26 says Christ cleanses his Bride 'by the washing with water through the word.' How consistently are you engaging with Scripture? How has the Word been washing you recently?
4. Revelation 19:8 says the Bride's linen 'stands for the righteous acts of the saints.' What everyday acts of faithfulness in your life might God be weaving into that garment?
5. The Bride's final word in Scripture is 'Come.' On a scale of 1–10, how expectant are you for Christ's return? What would increase your wanting for Christ to return?
6. As a church — not just as individuals — what would it look like for us to live more like a Bride who is ready? What needs to change?