

# *Volunteer Sign Ups*

*As you pray about activating and engaging in the church as part of the body of Christ, consider signing up to serve as a volunteer! It is an honor and true blessing to serve others and be an active part of the mission of the church. We currently have many areas in need!*





RECAPTURING JESUS' VISION FOR HIS CHURCH

Week 11 | We Are His Bride | Revelation 19:7-9

The historian Xenophon states, that when Cyrus had taken captives including a young prince of Armenia with his young and beautiful wife, of whom he was remarkably fond, they were brought before the tribunal of Cyrus to receive their sentence. The warrior inquired of the prince what he would give to be reinstated in his kingdom; and he replied, that he valued his crown and his liberty at a very low rate, but that if the noble conqueror would restore his beloved wife to her former dignity and possessions, he would willingly pay his life for the purchase. The prisoners were dismissed, to enjoy their freedom and former honors; and each was lavish in praises of the conqueror.

"And you," said the prince, addressing his wife, "what did you think of Cyrus?"

"I did not observe him," she replied.

"Do not observe him!" exclaimed her husband, "upon whom, then, was your attention fixed?"

"Upon that dear and generous man," she replied, "who declared his readiness to purchase my liberty at the expense of his life."

This is a clear picture of what Christ did for His bride. He did not estimate his throne as something to cling to, he stripped himself of it to give us a place next to him. And like the wife of the prince of Armenia, we, the bride of Christ, delight in the love of our King, in such a way that we have no eyes for anyone else.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As you contemplate Christ's love for his bride, give thanks and pray to God for an expectant and excited heart for eternity with Jesus.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. We are bound by the love of Jesus; His love is unique and you are a recipient of that love.

**Do you consider that you are living in light of that truth? And if not, how can you make sure you are responding accordingly to His amazing love?**

2. Pastor Fernando mentioned that we must avoid the temptation to make the church attractive to men instead of making it attractive to Christ.

**How can you ensure that you do not attend church with the expectation that it will fit your parameters and at the same time that you are part of those who seek to please Him?**

*The church is Jesus's household, Jesus's people, Jesus' bride. He owns her; therefore, he defines her.*

3. Revelation 19:8 says that one of the elements that will adorn the church is its good works.

**Is there a good deed that God is calling you to and you haven't responded yet? Share it with your group and ask God to help you obey in that area.**

4. Our encounter with Jesus in heaven will be saturated with joy, happiness and celebration.

**Share with your group the Bible verse you turn to when you want to think about eternity, and explain why is it a blessing to you.**



## **WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE**

**Revelation 22:17**

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.



## **REACH** (5 min)

Considering what God taught you this week, make a commitment to keep in mind the promise of eternal life and share your hope with others.

**We will be waiting with anticipation how God answered your bold step of faith.**