

# Sermon Notes

"The Mystery Behind Marriage"

Ephesians 5:22-32

February 28, 2016

## Introduction:

- b. In what ways did the bride get ready for the heavenly wedding (19:7-8)?
- c. What is the significance of being invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb (19:9)?
- 7. What are some implications of the fact that Christ's relationship with the church is described as marriage?
- 8. Scan some descriptions of life with Christ in the eternal state (Rev. 21:1-5, 22-27; 22:1-5). What are you most looking forward to?

## 1. Old Testament

(Isa. 54:5; 62:4; Jer. 2-3; 31:32; Ezek 16, 23; Hosea)

## 2. New Testament

### a. Paul's contribution

(Eph. 5:22-33; 2 Cor. 11:2)

### b. Jesus' contribution

(Matt. 22:1-14, 28-30; 25:1-13; Luke 20:27-36; John 3:29; 14:1-3)

## Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

*Family Research Institute of Wisconsin*

Pray for God's wisdom to continue the fight for Christian values in our state.

**c. John's contribution**  
(Rev. 19:6-9; 21:2, 9; 1 John 3:2)

**Conclusion:**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 2-28-16

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker,  
NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 341.

**Getting Started:**

1. What is one of the most memorable weddings or banquets you have ever been to? What made it so memorable?

**Digging Deeper:**

2. Read John 14:1-3.
  - a. Where did Jesus say he was going, and what was he going to do (14:2)?
  - b. What promise did Jesus make (14:3)?

- c. From the sermon, how do these echo the wedding betrothal?
3. Jesus says these things in order to calm their hearts (14:1). How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is preparing a place for you in His Father's house?
  4. Read Ephesians 5:22-33.
    - a. What has Christ already done in the past for the church (5:23-25)?
    - b. What is Christ doing presently for the church (5:29-30)?
    - c. What future goal does Christ have in mind for the church (5:26-27)?
  5. How should husbands and wives model themselves on the example of Christ and the church?
  6. Read Revelation 19:6-9.
    - a. Why did the great multitude urge everyone to be happy (19:6-7)?