



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Christ's Jewish Bride

LG Questions for 10/17/10

Getting Started

1. **The Wedding.** Have you ever attended a wedding in a culture different from your own? If so, how did it differ from the traditional American weddings you've attended? Explain.

Getting Into the Bible

2. **The Bride.** Read Ephesians 5:22-30. What does the Bride represent and what implications does this have for you? Compare the description of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21:1-11. How do you explain the fact that two different things are called the Bride of Christ?
3. **The Groom.** According to Ephesians 5:25-33, in what ways is Jesus the Consummate Bridegroom? Give several examples from your experience to illustrate how this is so.
4. **The Return.** Read as much as you can about Jewish wedding customs. Ask your Life Group leader to share any additional information he has. How does this illustrate both the value and future of the church? (Hosea 5:15; John 14:1-3) At what stage of preparation is the church today? Given what you've learned, what do you expect to happen next?

Getting Personal and Practical

5. **The Reception.** Read Revelation 19:6-9. What event is pictured here and how is the Bride to prepare for it? Do you feel that you and your church are adequately prepared? If not, what help does the Bridegroom offer and how will you take advantage of it? (Ephesians 5:25-27) What is it about this banquet that will make it a "must-be-there" event? (Luke 13:28-29)