

# THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

REVELATION 19:1-10 // TODD DUGARD  
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*You are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb (19:9a), so join the celebration (19:1, 4-7a) that marks the passing of evil (19:2-3) and get ready for the big day (19:7b) by clothing yourself in righteousness (19:8), and carefully heeding his Word (19:9b-10).*

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Invitations alert us to a significant opportunity to connect with the person throwing the party. In this chapter, we glimpse this amazing celebration through John's eyes. How is it a blessing to receive an invitation to an important event? If you've never been invited, what would being included at Jesus' wedding feast mean?*
- 2. It is characteristic of many cultures to show honour or favour to certain guests at the expense of other people. We quickly learn that some people get V.I.P. status and perks based on looks, wealth, success, or influence. Yet, with Jesus, it's radically different. There is no favouritism at his celebration supper, so there should be no favouritism in the church as we anticipate that big day. Have you benefitted or been overlooked due to favouritism among Christians? Have you participated in favouring others? How might we take further steps toward the kind of brotherly love that Jesus wants for us?*
- 3. The celebration is in the foreground of this chapter, but in the background is the judgement of the great prostitute (Babylon, see 19:2-3). The smoke of her destruction goes up forever and ever as a reminder of the final condemnation for those who reject and resist God their whole lives. How can this imagery help believers facing the constant persecution of their faith?*
- 4. It's difficult to reconcile, but we are not invited to the supper because of our efforts to appear righteous before God. Our efforts are pitiful compared to what would be expected. Our outfit is a collection of filthy garments and totally unacceptable to God. We need to wear what Christ gave us – his righteousness, acquired by faith in the necessity of his sacrifice and expressed in enduring love*

**for God and each other.** The passage we're studying begs the question, are you wearing robes made white in the blood of the Lamb? How would you explain the difference between self-righteousness and Christ's righteousness to a "good person" who doesn't believe in Jesus?

5. ***There's a moment when John forgets what he believes about God and worships the angel. The angel tells him to stop and worship God. Perhaps, John is overcome because of all he's seen and gives special status to the angel as a stand-in for God. The only mediator is the Lamb, who is our God!*** Why are angels and people poor substitutes for the focus of our worship? How do you ensure your gratitude for another's ministry doesn't cross the line into worship?
  
6. ***Verse 19:10 tells us that "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Pastor Todd challenged us based on this verse, saying, "the gospel that you have heard preached concerning Jesus Christ is the Word of God. His life, preaching, the signs he performed, his death and glorious resurrection. Get back to the Word." God's Word is the Christian's anchor through all the calamities of his or her life, not simply because it's true but because it points us to Jesus.*** How will you let your life and testimony point to Jesus this week?