

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **December 7, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Royal Christmas, Part 2."
Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 45) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

1. **The Royal Bridegroom is a Picture of God's Son** (1-9)
 - a. This description (physically attractive, verbally gracious and militarily mighty) speaks of Christ's personal distinctives. His kingdom is "forever blessed" (see 2 Samuel 7:13, 16).
 - b. Note the IDENTITY of the Bridegroom (he is from a human line (v.2) and is God (v. 6).
 - c. Note the AUTHORITY of the Bridegroom (all peoples fall under him (v. 5b), see also Hebrews 1:8-9).
2. **The Royal Bride is a Picture of God's People** (10-15)
 - a. The preparations for the Bride (10-12): incline your ear, forget your people, bow low to the Lord.
 - b. The presentation of the Bride (13-15): She is willing to live for him, he is willing to die for her.
3. **The Wedding Pictures Worth Sharing** (16-17)
 - a. These pictures should be shared and explained to our children.
 - b. These pictures should be shared with the whole world.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Spend some time reflecting on the beauty of Jesus Christ. He is attractive, gracious and all-mighty. How is this a "good word" that makes your heart overflow?
2. Based on #1, above: Jesus is 100% human and 100% God. How have you wrestled with this truth? Why is this doctrine such a big deal? (Only God could pay for sin (because he is holy and all-powerful), but only man should pay for sin (because we are guilty).)
3. Based on #2, above: God does not ask you to be willing to die for him (though it could come to that for some), he has asked you to be willing to live for him. Which of the three is most difficult for you (vv. 10-12): listening to him (obedience), forgetting your family of origin (loyalty) or bowing low to him (humility)?
4. Based on #3, above: In what ways do you show this "wedding album" to the next generation? How have you made these pictures accessible to your kids? How have you made these pictures attractive to your kids? Do your kids hear you talking about the beauty of your bridegroom?
5. Based on #3, above: In what ways do you show this "wedding album" to the neighbors and "the whole world"? How have you made these pictures accessible to the world? How have you made these pictures attractive to the world? Do your friends and coworkers hear you talking about the beauty of your bridegroom?