



CALVARY LIFE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PASSAGE: Genesis 24 'Here Comes The Bride!'

THEME/S: Marriage and relationships, God's leading, Christ and the church

1. Weddings will sometimes have a special book that guests can write marriage advice in. What marriage advice would you give to a young couple that you knew well?

Read Genesis 24:1 – 21

2. What speaks to you, challenges you or raises questions in your mind from these verses?
3. Should Christians 'water the camel' or 'put out the fleece' by seeking confirmation from God by a sign? If not, why not? If so, in what circumstances?

Read Genesis 24:22 – 33

4. In verses 27 we read that the servant said "*As for me, being on the way, the LORD led me...*" What does this verse teach us about God's leading?
5. What has been your experience of God's leading in your life?

Read Genesis 24:48 – 67 (Note we are skipping largely repeated verses 34 – 47)

6. During our Sunday teaching on this chapter we considered eight principles regarding relationships and marriage. Which ones can you recall? (Leader see below)
7. In what ways does this chapter point to Christ the Bridegroom and His bride the church?
8. How is the bride of Christ described and what is she known for in the following passages? 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:22 – 33; and Revelations 19:6 – 9.

Eight principles regarding relationships and marriage:

- *Believers are to find a spouse within the family of God*
- *Believers are to be about marriage*
- *Believers should be prayerful in marriage matters*
- *Be wary of 'watering the camel' or 'putting out the fleece'*
- *Believers should look for a spouse of good character*
- *God is able to and delights in leading His people*
- *During times of waiting, prioritise your growth in the Lord*
- *Let Christ and His bride be your example in marriage*

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers"
(Acts 2:42)