

Discussion #1

1. Who is Christ to you? Why? Share an experience(s) that led you to that perspective?
 - a. Father
 - b. Friend
 - c. Provider

2. What are some characteristics of marriage? What expectations do you have of marriage?
 - a. Putting the other person first - Christ's death
 - b. No divorce - Christ sticks with us

3. What does it mean to you that Christ is your Bridegroom, your spouse?
 - a. Emotions
 - b. Forever
 - c. Love affair
 - d. Commitment
 - e. Joy
 - f. Forgiveness

4. What thoughts, fears, ideas, lies keep you from believing this?
 - a. Feeling like I will never be good enough
 - b. Feeling like I can never fulfil all the laws/rules
 - c. Feeling like I have to earn God's love

5. From the talk or your quiet time, what truths have you learned to help you fight these lies?
 - a. Hosea 2:19-20 -> Forever, Faithfulness
 - b. 2 Timothy 2:13 -> Faithfulness
 - c. Romans 5:6-11 -> While we were still sinners, For the ungodly
 - d. John 12:47 -> Came to save the world, not condemn it
 - e. Ephesians 5:25-28 -> He...sanctifies and cleanses me
 - f. John 14:2-3 -> Preparing a place for me
 - g. Others?

6. When we go back to our daily lives, there will be times when we go back to the old way of thinking. Can you think of some example situations?
 - a. Business
 - b. Sin

7. How can we guard ourselves against returning to that thought pattern? How can we defend ourselves when we return to that thought pattern?
 - a. Memorize verses on God's love/forgiveness/grace
 - b. Read His word regularly
 - c. Stop thoughts before meditating on or indulging in them
 - d. Replace thoughts with verses and positive thinking
 - e. Repentance - The more we repent and know our sins, the more we know and experience God's love