



Psalm 45 – The Eternal King

Summer Small Group Central

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see.

Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. Think of the most beautiful wedding you've attended, watched on TV or heard about. What made it so memorable? How did the bride and groom's joy and commitment to each other make you feel?
2. Looking at vv2-9, how is the groom described? How do these verses point us forward to Jesus as the ultimate fulfilment of this royal groom?
3. Looking at vv10-17, how is the bride described and what is her response to the groom? What parallels can we draw between this and the relationship between the church and Jesus?
4. Vv2-4 describe the groom as being marked by grace, truth, humility, and justice. How does recognising these qualities in Jesus affect our day-to-day trust and worship of Him?
5. In v10, there's a hint that the bride might be having a wobble about the forthcoming wedding and she's urged to commit to her groom wholeheartedly. In what ways and for what reasons might we be hesitant to fully commit to Jesus?
6. V11 tells the bride that the groom is 'enthralled by her beauty.' Read Ephesians 5:25-27. How are we – the church, the 'bride of Christ' – made beautiful? How does this guard against us feeling pride in our spiritual beauty?
7. How does knowing that Jesus loves you deeply and sees you as beautiful impact you and how you relate to him, especially during tough times?
8. Vv16-17 speak of the eternal consequences of this royal wedding. How does the promise of eternal joy and security with Jesus help us with the difficulties and uncertainties of life?

Respond to God's word in prayer

Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met

Take some time to pray for each other