

Overview:

- Read the Scriptures printed in this study guide.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- Today we discuss The Bride in relationship to a Wedding and in comparison to Creation.
- God uses feminine imagery a great deal in Scripture.

The Story of Beauty

- Eve in Creation is a powerful image and lesson.
- Eve has so much to teach us about God.
- The Bride is in trouble. She is under assault and in distress.
- God is the Hero of the Story. We may be surprised to meet Him in some of these roles.
- The struggle for wakefulness is real, but we must come awake

Explore:

- What is your favorite part, or some favorite event from a Wedding you have attended?
- Maybe a woman in the group could answer the question, "What is it about the Wedding Dress? Why is it so important?"
- Discuss God as a relational Being. Discuss your relationship with God.
- Discuss God as an adventurous Being. What evidence can we find of this aspect of the Divine.
- Discuss God as a beautiful God. Look up some Scriptures that describe His Beauty.
- Discuss the temptation of Eve. What did Satan question? Does he tempt us in a similar fashion?
- Discuss God as a "Playful God". Is that a troublesome idea? Is that a comforting, even exciting possibility?
- Discuss what it means to be "Awake" to the Story that is going on all around us.

Application:

Discuss Simple Daily Applications

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Notes:

Revelation 12:1 I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head

Ephesians 5:25-27 ...Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her 26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. 27 He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault

Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

Genesis 2:18 "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

Genesis 3:1-6 "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

2 "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. 3 "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die. '" 4 "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. 5 "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

6 The woman was convinced

Ephesians 6:16 ...Hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

Ephesians 5:14-20 "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light." 15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. 17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. 18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, 19 singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. 20 And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

EPIC... The Bride

Revelation 12:1; Ephesians 5:25-27

What Eve Alone Can Tell

Crown of Creation

Without Her

Eve's Divine Lesson

A Relational God

Matt 23:37

An Adventurous God

Genesis 2:18

A Beautiful God

The Bride in Distress

The Tyranny of a Tree

Genesis 2:16-27

The Captivity of a Snake

Genesis 3:1-6

The Message of the Arrows

Ephesians 6:16

The Hero in Action!

The Romancer

The Playful

The Warrior

The Good!!!

Conclusion

More than meets the Eye.

Ephesians 5:14-20