

Sermon “Intimacy and the Cross” by Steve Miller, Study Questions

Jesus told His followers that a kernel of wheat must fall to the ground and die before it can bear fruit. What does this mean for you as you face struggles and difficulties in your life?

Steve said that we can’t live as married and as single at the same time. In other words, we can’t be the bride of Christ and remain as master of our own lives. Practically speaking, what does this mean for you?

Steve said that some people are very careful about what they promise – and, perhaps, don’t promise – in their wedding vows. Do you see yourself treating your vows to Jesus that way?

If you wrote a special vow for Jesus, what would you include?

Are there places you need to build “hedges” in your relationship with God? In other words, are there things you need to stay away from or be more involved with in order to keep you from straying from your relationship with Him?

Taking up our cross can mean different things, even to the same person at different times of life. What does it mean for you at this point in your life?

Steve suggested that one of the ways we take up our cross is by serving Jesus. What does it mean for you to truly serve Him?

As the bride of Christ, we should submit to His authority and headship. How can you practically be more submissive to the Lord?

Steve suggested that in order to submit, we need to trust the one to whom we’re submitting. Have you ever equated submission with trust? What does that idea mean for you in your relationship with the Lord?

Steve said, “Grace makes you a suitable, compatible, capable bride for Christ.” What does that mean for you, practically?

Ephesians 5:29 says that Christ “cherishes” us. Often, we see God as tolerating us. Have you ever thought about God cherishing you? What does it mean to you that He does cherish you?