

BODY LANGUAGE



The influence of a culture that is constantly becoming more consumeristic is to apply an individualistic approach to church. In this Lenten series we address the pervasiveness of individuality in the church. This is an opportunity to join the movement of church in unity with each other and with the Spirit.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Circle Time: What are the "BIG" emotions you feel at a wedding? It could be from your wedding or from someone close to you.
 - What is it about what is happening at a wedding that make those emotions so big?
 - Why are the commitments made at a wedding so magnanimous?
 - What is the difference between the worlds view of marriage vs. Christ's view of marriage?
- Read Revelation 19:6
 - Is this a weird word picture to you? That we are the bride and Christ is the groom? Why or why not?
 - What do you think is the scripture trying to declare about the church's relationship with Jesus?
- Dave taught us in his sermon that there are 3 key reasons for the imagery of the church as the Bride:
 - It displays Christ love for us.
 - Read Isaiah 62:5
 - What are the actions of a bridegroom as he courts his bride?
 - How do you see this displayed in your relationship with Christ?
 - It displays what Christ's love does in us.
 - Read Ephesians 5:25-26
 - What does it mean for a husband to give himself up for his wife?
 - How do you see this displayed in your relationship with Christ?
 - It displays our deep connection with each other
 - How have you witnessed a couple in your life display their deep connection to each other?
 - Pastor Dave taught that we are not individually each a bride of Christ, but that we are all collectively the bride of Christ. How does this impact your understanding of what "church" is?
 - How does this inform how we treat each other in the body of Christ?