



## House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on Sept. 27 2020

**Sermon:** Peaks and Valleys (Pastor Marty)

**Text:** Song of Songs 4:9-11; 5:2-8

### Gathering Guidelines

-Watch Pastor Brian's intro video for this week.

You can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRAV-arq0fA>

(Right click, then click on 'Open Hyperlink')

### Take some time to worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE> "Reckless Love" Cory Asbury.

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### Read

Song of Songs 4:9-11 and 5:2-8

### Discussion Questions

**Question #1:** Jesus speaks of himself as being our bridegroom and us as being his bride. This is a foundational definition of our relationship with Jesus, and it is about *intimacy*. Think about intimacy in a marriage relationship. Think about how vulnerable it is. And now imagine this kind of relationship with Jesus: Bride and Bridegroom.

What thoughts come to mind?

**Question #2:** Read Romans 8:37-39.

Talk about the kind of love that God has for us, His Bride. Think about the things that are described in this passage and how powerful they are and how powerful the love of God is.

Then ask yourself this question: “Do I think that the love of God is powerful enough to make a real difference in my life?” Go beyond ‘yes’ or ‘no’ and explain the challenges you may be facing and how your Bridegroom wants His love to meet you.

**Question #3:** Pastor Marty shared his testimony about the peaks and valleys in his life and how the love of God drew him to a place of redemption and healing. He talked about the ‘ABC’s’ of the faith. A: Acknowledge the cross of Jesus and His sacrifice. B: Believe that Jesus died to break the power of sin and that He offers that power for all who put their faith in Him. C: Confess your sin and be healed.

-Do you need to acknowledge the sacrifice of Jesus again, or for the first time in your life? If you are struggling with things in your world, then you probably do.

-Do you need to receive forgiveness of sin? What does your heart tell you?

-Do you need to confess sin and be healed? Remember: this is all about a Bridegroom wanting His Bride to be *loved*. . .

#### Invitation and Mission for this week

This week think about someone God has put in your life that doesn’t know what God’s love is really like and share it with them. It takes a lot of courage to do this, and the enemy doesn’t want it to happen. There will be opposition in your mind and soul putting pressure on you to avoid doing this.

But remember the *love* of God for you and let this be your motivation.

#### Pray for each other

This week invite Holy Spirit to guide you in praying what is on *His* heart.

- Take a moment to listen to Him
- Take a moment to speak out what you think He is saying.
- Remember to bless each other.