



# The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

## Season 3 Episode 17

### The Engagement Process in the 1st Century

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How did you get engaged in the 1st century? There were no dating apps or websites. Today, we'll look at the process of engagement in the 1st century.

#### **Introduction**

**Recap:** Last week, we discussed Zechariah's question to God and spoke about what it looks like to ask God difficult questions and ultimately trust in him.

Take a few minutes to review this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone from the episode.

**How would you describe the engagement process of the modern day?**

#### **Discussion**

Have someone read aloud **Luke 1:26-27**.

**What was the ancient Hebrew engagement process like, and how does it differ from modern-day practices?**

**How do we see Jesus use common marriage and engagement practices in his teachings?  
(Matthew 25:1-13)**

**How does the engagement process highlight attributes that Christ has and we, as the bride, should have?**

Have someone read aloud **John 14:1-4**

**How does understanding the engagement process help us better understand this verse?**



## **Application**

We often see Jesus and the church spoken about as a bride and groom in the Bible. Understanding 1st-century marriage and engagement can help us better understand the elements of this language.

**How does understanding the church's relationship with Christ like a marriage change the way we think about Jesus and our relationship with Him?**

**What do we need to do as the bride of Christ to prepare for His return?**

For Next Week: **What about the Last Supper reminds us about the marriage proposal process?**

## **Pray**

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here is a prompt:

**Pray that the Lord would help us see the glory of the Gospel and His love for us through His creation of marriage and engagement.**

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