



# Psalm 45 - Who is Jesus?

Small Group Work Sheet  
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## Part 1 - Ice Breaker

- What are your Christmas plans? Are you traveling out of town? Will you be with family?

## Part 2 - Sermon Review

1. According to John 8:24, what is wrong with a distorted belief in Jesus' identity? How does that change the way you look at religious groups that have a distorted picture of Jesus?
2. What are the clues a Psalm is talking about Jesus? What verses in Psalm 45 tell us this Psalm is about more than an earthly king?
3. When a Psalm is described as a *maskil*, what does that tell us?
4. Read Isaiah 52:14; 3:2-3. Do you think these verses describe Jesus *after* his beating *before* his crucifixion or in his prime of life? Do you think Psalm 45:2 is a description of Jesus' appearance? Why or why not?
5. How do you know Jesus was a great teacher/ public speaker?
6. What does *Christ* and *Messiah* mean?
7. In Philippians 2:5-11 how do we learn that Jesus used meekness (humility) as a weapon? What role should meekness (humility) play in our life?
8. Read Psalm 45:6-7. What do these verses teach about Jesus and his relationship to his father?
9. What does Psalm 45:17 teach about *our* identity in Jesus?
10. Studying verses 9-16, what else can you learn about our identity as the bride of Christ? After your study, check the *Digging Deeper* section for some answers.

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### **Part 3 - Digging Deeper - A little more about the bride**

Psalm 45:9 says *the queen stands at your right hand*. This can be a little confusing because the king isn't married! Other translations say *royal bride*, which is a legitimate translation. Technically this is the queen-to-be!

The queen stands in *gold of Ophir*. In ancient culture, it was the groom who bought the wedding dress. The groom bought his bride a wedding dress of solid gold. If you thought a white wedding dress was costly, try a solid gold one! Since this applies to Christ and the church, it teaches us about the love Christ has for us and the way he will treat us as his bride.

Verse 10 contains a charge to the bride. She is told to forget her father's house and the king will desire her beauty. In the Hebrew, it is an *if-then* clause. The more the bride leaves her old life behind and delights in her new husband and role, the more attractive she becomes to the king.

This is a great encouragement for us as Christians. We become more attractive to Christ as we delight in our new found identity in him.