

CURRENT SERIES

UNCOMFORTABLE

American culture is a culture of comfort. It's being sold to us everywhere we look. We're encouraged to do what we want, when we want, with whomever we want. If something is uncomfortable, we want to avoid it at all costs. The Christian faith, though, is just that: uncomfortable.

MESSAGE NOTES

Counterculture Comfort

Revelation 19:6-9 | Pastor Matthew Starner

Revelation 19:6-9 NLT: ⁶Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder:

“Praise the LORD!

For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

⁷Let us be glad and rejoice,
and let us give honor to him.

For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb,
and his bride has prepared herself.

⁸She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear.”

For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people.

⁹And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he added, “These are true words that come from God.”

Christianity is far from comfortable:

- It's an invitation to _____.
- It's an invitation to _____.
- It's an invitation to follow Jesus where _____, not

to ask Jesus to go were _____.

- It's where I'm called to put _____ and the needs of _____.

God has told us how the _____.

God calls us to more than _____.

The "bride" is not individual Christians but _____ as a cohesive whole.

We can rest in the hope and anticipation of the _____ that is to come.

When you feel uncomfortable at church, will you _____ or _____?

TALK IT OVER

These questions can help you take today's sermon and help you apply it to your life or find your next steps. Use them with your family, with friends, or in your own personal devotion time. **NEW: Find an expanded version of these questions at JourneyWired.org/discussion-questions.**

1. Read Revelation 19:6-9. Chapters 17-18 talk about a prostitute/harlot who is the enemy of the church. Skim chapters 17-18. How does the enemy of the church compare to the "bride of Christ" in Revelation 19?
2. How can pondering God's promises offer us comfort?
3. How is it easy to gravitate toward a comfortable Christian life? What examples have you seen of people trying to make Christianity comfortable?
4. When is comfortable not a good thing?
5. How can we as a church embrace discomfort for the sake of one another and the Kingdom?

THIS WEEK IN THE BIBLE

Take today's message beyond Sunday and into the rest of your week. Read and reflect on these verses alone, with your family, or with a friend. Talk about how they apply to your life today or what God might be teaching you through His Word.

Sunday	Revelation 19:6-9
Monday	Matthew 22:1-14
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:22-33
Wednesday	John 14:1-3
Thursday	1 Corinthians 12:27
Friday	Revelation 21:2
Saturday	Isaiah 61:10

ONLINE NOTES

You can also take notes and engage with the message using the **YouVersion Bible** app. With **YouVersion Events** you can follow along with the message, take notes, read related Bible verses, ask questions, and more.