Mysteries fascinate us, capturing our imaginations. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians is full of them, making this rich epistle a perfect backdrop for this discipling series titled ***The Profound Mystery of Christ and His Bride.***

As the first book in the series, ***Spiritual Matchmaking*** uncovers the mystery hidden in the gospel (Ephesians 6:19). Although, much of the New Testament is connected either directly or indirectly to Ephesus, this study is not confined to the New Testament. The clues where hidden in shadows, signs, and symbols in the Old Testament as well. Yet the mystery remained veiled until He—the Bridegroom—stepped out of His kingdom and into the world. ***Spiritual Matchmaking,*** as the name implies, is about connecting the reader to this *Bridegroom.* How exactly does a person enter into this divine relationship? From the Garden of Eden to the cross of Christ, with compelling analogies, the author helps the reader to discover the answer for themselves. By weaving Biblical narratives with personal stories and examples, she brings the gospel into relatable terms.

**Spiritual Address**

The study begins with a history lesson of the city of Ephesus – a city plagued by wickedness, idolatry, and evil of every kind. This hedonistic society was not unlike the world in which we live. When people are separated from God, they have no life; they have no love; and they have no hope (Ephesians 2:1-12). That is, until someone brings the good news.

Once the people of Ephesus had heard and received the good news, their spiritual address changed. They walked on the sod of the earth, but their true dwelling place was heaven ***in Christ*** (John 14:2-20). She writes, “The kingdom of God: What an extraordinary place to live. You might even say, “*Out of this world!”*What makes this news so amazing is the fact that we *all* once lived at another address—a place far away from God, and a place the Bible describes as hopeless. Furthermore, since the time of the fall in the Garden of Eden, we were *all* confined to this “*Godless* zip code.”

The author poses these questions: “Do you know your spiritual address?” How does one change their spiritual address? How does a person know what their spiritual address is?

**Spiritual Checkup**

In this vein, the book offers a “spiritual checkup” which allows women to examine closely their spiritual health. Do they have synthetic faith, or true saving faith? Do they show the spiritual “signs of life?” The spiritual checkup gives women a real metric—straight from the scripture—to measure their spiritual health. In the lesson “A Spiritual Checkup” readers are given a way to check their “spiritual pulse.” After answering six critical questions, women will have a better idea of where they stand with God.

***Spiritual Relationships***

The underlying theme and purpose of ***Spiritual Matchmaking*** small groups of women to form spiritual relationships. These are the kind of relationships that are formed when a few women come together and share their lives and God’s Truth with one another. Translation—it is women’s discipleship! The questions interspersed throughout this study are designed to get you to think along the lines of personal application, and meaningful dialog among members of the group.

As the first book in a discipling series*,* thefocus of this Bible study is not only on preparing women to enter into a deeper spiritual relationship with God but also to take part in God’s redemptive plan. Ginny challenges those who have received the gospel, to become faithful steward the gospel. Ginny asks women to look at discipleship as Jesus practiced it and taught it. She asks the question: “Are you a gospel herald or a gospel hoarder?” Like the early saints who took the gospel message to Ephesus, it is incumbent on those who are “in Christ” to share the message and become spiritual matchmakers.

This is so much more than your typical Bible study! As we explore the depths of the riches of God’s love, His grace, and His mercy in offering each one of us the priceless gift of salvation. Jesus bids His church—His bride--to come to Him.