



His banner over me is Love
The Exchange - 24 October 2015

You do not need to answer all the questions nor go in order - these questions are here to stimulate dialogue and an exchange of ideas.

1. God is the chief and creator of intimacy. Why do you think God has chosen to represent his relationship with his people (the church) as that between the intimate relationship between a husband and wife? Why not choose a father and son or best friends or a teacher or student?
2. How does the above representation make you feel about God given that many Christian denominations shun physical intimacy as worldly or secular?
3. Do you think there is a connection between sexuality and spirituality? Why or why not?
4. What do you think is the transcending concept between becoming one flesh between a man and a woman and becoming one with God?
5. Human beings long for connection but true connection takes time. What are the repercussions of not taking the time to connect - In a human relationship and in a relationship with God? What does it mean to 'take time to connect'?
6. Is it in vain to serve God but not take time to truly connect with Him? Compare this to buying children lots of toys but not taking time to play and to get to know them? Spouse? What about the opposite of this - taking time but no action?
7. How does one connect with God? Who initiates this relationship? Who maintains it?
8. Despite living in a modern society where technology allows us to communicate and connect with others on numerous platforms and sexual promiscuity is rampant and undisciplined, there appears to be a deep sense of loneliness and disconnection that exists. Why do you think this exists or how can this be resolved?
9. How does a hurried lifestyle impact your relationship with God, friends, spouse, children, etc?

Please pray together to close.