

SONG OF SOLOMON

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

DATING & COURTSHIP ■ VERSES 1:8 - 3:5

SPLASH

Where have you learned the most about dating and courtship? (i.e parents, friends, tv, movies, books...)

How has this effected your understanding of what dating and courtship should look like?

In your opinion, should dating look different for Christians than it does for nonbelievers? If yes, in what ways should it look different?

SINK DOWN

Take some time as a group to review Song of Solomon 1:8-3:5.

If you were asked to grade your previous relationships on the basis of overall relational health, what grade would you give them? Why? Do you see any unhealthy patterns, themes, or consistencies?

Are there any relationships that you have seen that you respect? What was it that made you respect them?

Is there anyone in your life that you would trust to invite into your relationship as a relational coach? (Proverbs 11:14)

If you have experienced the pain of a bad relationship, is there any unfinished business that needs to be completed? (Romans 12:18, Matthew 5:24)

If you are married, how has the way you dated effected your marriage relationship?

It is not uncommon for couples to stop dating each other when they get married. How is your dating life with your spouse? Why is it important to continue to go on dates after you get married, have kids, etc.?

Men are usually really good about pursuing women and being creative and romantic when they are dating, but it comes to a screeching halt once married. Husbands, how are you doing at pursuing and being romantic with your wife? Wives, how is your husband really doing in this area?

REFLECTION

What areas of your life do you need to “get in order” before you can have a healthy relationship?

If you are in a dating relationship, what steps do you need to take to help ensure relational health?

If you are married, what good principles from your dating relationship can you restore to your marriage? (i.e. going on dates, being intentionally creative and romantic...) Also are there any young dating couples that you would be willing to coach?