

SONG OF SOLOMON

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

DEEPENING ■ CHAPTERS 7 - 8

Deepening happens with good communication over time. It includes the emotional, physical, and spiritual aspects of a relationship.

E everyone **M** married couples **D** dating couples **S** singles

SPLASH

- M** Does your marriage relationship today look like you thought it would when you first got married?
- M** How has your love seasoned or changed over time?
- M** What advice would you give a younger couple just getting started in their marriage?
- DS** What is an acceptable level of depth in a dating relationship?
- E** What is an acceptable level of depth with a friend of the opposite sex?

SINK DOWN

- M** How has romance changed over time in your marriage? Are there any patterns? Are they healthy? Have you talked about them with your spouse?
- M** What do you love about your spouse that has been a recent revelation?
- E** How do you know when you have gone too deep in a relationship? What are the consequences of going too deep with someone of the opposite sex outside the context of marriage?
- E** Do you feel it is important to have deep relationships with others of the same sex? Why or why not? What are the consequences for not developing these friendships?
- DS** In Song of Solomon 8:8-10, the brothers support the marriage of their sister because she has been a “wall” (commitment to the Lord in purity as a single) and not a door (in and out of relationships). Would others consider you to be a “wall” or “door” as a single?

REFLECTION

- M** If you have children, what have they learned from your marriage? What are you doing to pass on what you’ve learned about marriage?
- M** Marriage can get better over time; what are you doing to contribute to that preferred future?
- DS** What precautionary boundaries have you set to assure that your dating relationship does not deepen too quickly?
- DS** How do you go about developing deep relationships with others of the same sex?