



Week 3 | Song of Songs | October 16

Key Focus: “Loving intimacy is beautiful in its place.”

Opening Up:

- On a scale of 1-10, how passionate are you?
- What kinds of things are you passionate about?
- How does passion demonstrate itself in your life?
- Have you ever wanted more or less passion about anything in your life?
- How are passions fed?
- How do passions die?

Reference: Song of Solomon 2:7-3:5

Discuss:

1. Do you see loving intimacy as more beautiful or broken? Explain.
2. In 2:7 she tells us that it is a bad idea to awaken loving intimacy out of its place. How does awakening loving intimacy out of context cause brokenness?
3. It has been said that, “no sexual wound is so great that it is beyond the healing power of Jesus.” Christians often trust Jesus to forgive their sins, but don’t trust he can heal their love lives. Why does this happen?
4. The sweet nothings of love birds can be nauseating. However this kind of talk can be a way to test the waters of vulnerability. What is it like to be totally vulnerable and yourself in a relationship? Why is vulnerability hard?
5. Are you, by nature, a vulnerable and open person? Explain.
6. In 2:14 she describes vulnerability as like being a dove in the clefts of a rock. How does or did dating scare you? Do you get the vulnerability imagery of she portrays? Explain.
7. When you lose trust and vulnerability breaks down, how do you get it back?
8. By “chasing the foxes” (2:15) he can show her that he can be trusted. Little foxes love grapes and destroy vineyards. What little foxes do we all need to be watching out for?
9. She was unwilling to compromise the purity of their wedding bed and sent him on his way in 2:17. Waiting to have sex until marriage is not a cultural norm. Why should we practice purity in obedience to God?
10. What would be unique about a relationship if it were saturated in and founded on the word of God?
11. Ask, does anyone have any unbelief as it applies to God’s gift of love and intimacy? How can we pray about these things together?
12. Pray.