



## Week 4 | Song of Songs | October 23

**Key Focus:** “You need Jesus to help catch the foxes.”

### Opening Up:

- If you were given a free day tomorrow to do anything you wanted to do, what would it be?
- The best way to spend 90 minutes alone is... working out, reading, or watching Netflix? Explain.
- The best way to spend 90 minutes in community is... playing a game, having a diner party, or going to the movies? Explain.

**Reference:** Song of Solomon 2:15

### Discuss:

1. Answer these questions:
  1. What are you doing to develop your relationship with God?
  2. What ministry are you devoted to?
  3. What are you doing to develop yourself?
2. You will marry a weak sinner because weak sinners are there is. (Genesis 2:18. 3:6) How does an understanding about human dependency and human depravity help you to better understand relationships? How does it help you to better understand yourself?
3. Why is it dangerous to act as if you are self-sufficient and without out sin? What are the consequences of behaving this way?
4. Grace is a gift not a work. We are not saved by something we do. We are saved by what Christ has done. How is it possible to accept a truth in your mind and yet deny it in your actions? How do you sometimes deny the gospel of grace in your life, even when you believe it in your heart?
5. We have a tendency toward self-sufficiency. How does being self-sufficient deny the gospel?
6. There Diagnostic Questions:
  1. Do you expect change primarily through work or through faith?
  2. Do you give or remove love based on performance?
  3. When life gets challenging, do you reach down deep, or do you reach up to Jesus for help?
7. We need to catch the fox of self-sufficiency and the fox of transactional love. How do we sometimes treat love like an economy? What is different about love that is treated like an investment versus love that is a gift?
8. In 1 Corinthians 3:4-7 we are told that love keeps no record of wrongs. Why do we sometimes keep records of wrong doing? How do records of wrongs get used in times of conflict?
9. Explain how this might be true: Your capacity to forgive is directly related to the forgiveness you have personally experienced. How can someone expand their forgiveness capacity?
10. Pray.