



Sermon Discussion Guide

March 16, 2025 | Song of Songs 1:7 - 2:7 | Jerrod

SUMMARY

Our world (and our own hearts since the Fall) corrupts the way we think about relationships. Amen? What we now have is a bunch of relationship problems: Attraction, Dating, Man/Womanhood, Marriage, etc.. Despite our vast and varied problems, we are not left alone - we have hope, we have instruction, and we have a Savior who not only forgives but empowers the kind of life that makes His grace and good design possible. The Song of Songs gives us insight, instruction into love, dating, marriage, romance, sex, conflict, and deepening all the while showing us our ultimate need for a true bridegroom in Jesus to come for us as his church, his bride.

The upcoming weeks will have this general flow and focus:

- 3.16 SoS 1:7 - 2:7: Attraction
- 3.23 Sos 2.8 - 3.5: Dating/Courting
- 3.30 SoS 3.6 - 5:1: Marriage/Consummation
- 4.6 SoS 5.2 - 6:13: Conflict
- 4.13 SoS 7:1 - 8:14: Deepening

Our verses this week will teach us this **Big Idea**: Our Hearts Deepest Desires (Attraction) Need to be Fueled by the Right Perspective, Right Person, Right Time, and Right Place.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro

1. What influences your perspective and expectations for relationships more - culture, experience, the Bible? How do you know?
2. (Married) How did you and your spouse meet? Who made the 'first move'?

Read **Song of Songs 1:5 - 2:7**

3. Following the flow of the verses, how would you characterize what She says in 1.5-7?
 - a. What elements of desire and/or vulnerability do you see?
4. What is notable about how He responds to Her? (1.8-10)
 - a. What role does the "community" play in v11?
5. How does her initial vulnerability (1.5-7), being met with His assurance (1.8-10), fuel their attraction as it's portrayed in 1.12 - 2.6 ?
 - a. What else is notable in their words to one another in this back and forth exchange?
6. How does this passage provide instruction for those not married, dating, married?
7. What Gospel threads are woven through this passage? (i.e. what Christ/Bride truths percolate from these verses?)
8. What is one way this passage encourages you?
9. What is one way this passage challenges you?
 - a. How do you think God desires to grow/change you in that area?