



# Sermon Discussion Guide

March 23, 2025 | Song of Songs 2.8 - 3.5 | Jerrod

## SUMMARY

Our world (and our own hearts since the Fall) corrupts the way we think about relationships. 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.

Our study of The Song 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, 2:8 - 3:5, teach us this two-fold, **Big Idea**: Enjoy the Delights of a God-given, Intentional, Covenant Relationship and Beware of the Dangers of Sin that can Spoil it.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Intro

1. What was the worst date (an absolute trainwreck) you have ever been on?
2. In dating, what were/are some "red flags" that you look out for or have observed?

### Read Song of Songs 2:8 - 3:5

3. How would you summarize these verses? What stands out as notable? Why?
4. In 2:10-13, the man calls out to the woman with reference to the changing of seasons. How is this imagery poetically on point for this new-to-be married couple?
  - a. Using the imagery of relational seasons, which "season" best describes your dating or marriage relationship?
    - i. **Summer Drought** - The temperature is high and your relationship is dry, suffering from a lack of vital nourishment
    - ii. **Fall Harvest** - You are reaping some rewards in your relationship, but your love is fading and cold days and nights (!) seem to be on the horizon
    - iii. **Winter Deadness** - Things are frozen and lifeless.
    - iv. **Springtime Blossoms** - Life is everywhere. Things are blooming, fresh, and exciting.
  - b. What instruction and/or principles does our passage provide to those in each season.
5. How does "catching foxes" (2:15) relate to your relationship, or preparing for a relationship?