



Sermon Discussion Guide

March 30, 2025 | Song of Songs 3:6 - 5:1 | 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

In our verses this week, 2:8 - 3:5, the wedding day has finally arrived. Up to this point, the major themes have been of anticipation. After this section, the major themes will focus on renewal, of conflict and deepening. The section today will teach us this **Big Idea**: Sex is a Gift in Marriage, Not the Goal of Marriage.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro

1. Married. What is one thing you wished you had known about marriage before you got married (or maybe something you *thought* you knew, but it turns out you didn't *really* know.)

Read Song of Songs 3:6 - 5:1, making note of the following scenes as you read:

3:6-11: The Royal Wedding; 4:1-15: Intimate Admiration; 4:16-5:1: Passionate Intimacy

2. What stands out to you as notable in each section? Why?
3. Big Idea - "*Sex is a gift in marriage, not the goal of marriage.*"
 - a. What does this mean? How does this help the younger, single person think about sex and marriage? How does it apply to the 20-year married couple? To you?
4. 2 Timothy 3:16 states that, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."
 - a. In what ways do these verses in Song of Songs...
 - i. Bring right, sound teaching to us?
 - ii. Bring reproof and correction to you?
 - iii. Bring training in righteousness for you? - i.e. promote faith, gospel hope, and gospel motivation to live a life pleasing to the Lord?