



# Sermon Discussion Guide

March 9, 2025 | Song of Songs 1:1-6 | Adam Howell

## **SUMMARY**

Today's message from guest speaker, Adam Howell, was a merging of our Nerd Day (An introduction to the book as a whole) with some expositional notes from the first few verses.

As "all Scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness," (2 Tim 3:16), the Song of Songs is no exception. We come to the book, expecting these things from God's word to us. What is the Song of Songs? A poem depicting human love and affection within marriage? Yes, of course. But more than that, it synchronizes with a consistent Biblical, thematic metaphor for the relationship with God and His people, between Christ and His Bride, the church. As much as this book will teach us about marital love, this will go hand in hand with the inescapable gospel ingredients that God has designed marriage with from the beginning, as an evangelistic picture of the relationship between Christ and his church. (see Eph 5:31-32.) Should we long for and love our spouse? Yes! Should we long for and love Christ? Yes!

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **Introductory Questions for the Series:**

1. Have you been in a church that preached through this book of the Bible before? How did it go?
2. In your experience, are the topics of desire, affection, pleasure, sex, etc.. taught consistently and clearly from the Bible, or are these more of "hush, hush" topics. Think about your experience growing up, in a church, with your parents, etc..
3. If you were able to listen to Adam Howell's introductory message, what stood out to you as important, significant or helpful as we begin this series? Was anything confusing?
4. What is one expectation or hope that you have for this series? (I.e. In what ways do you think God desires to grow you over the next several weeks in this series?)

### **Read Song of Songs 1:1-6**

1. What is the woman/bride longing for?
2. What reasons does she give as to why she longs for this?
3. Consider her attraction to his "name" (his reputation and character). What role does godly character play and pursuit of Christ play in your attraction and desires for your spouse? What role does this play in your spouse's attraction to you? (if you are single, think of how this applies to someone you may be interested in dating)
4. What implications does this have for you today, this week?
5. If you are a parent, how does this impact your approach to discipling your kids about marriage?