



Sermon Discussion Guide

April 6, 2025 | Song of Songs 5:2 - 6:13 | 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**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro

1. Married. What was your "first dance" song? Who picked the song, and why was it chosen? Who is the better dancer, you or your spouse?
2. What is one thing you have worked really hard at - you have put in a considerable amount of time, effort, and energy into? Why did you invest so much? Was it always easy?

In our verses this week, we move to our final scene, deepening, where we learn this **Big Idea** and call: Be Intentional to Cultivate your Marriage through Intentional Love, Meaningful Time, and Deep Connection. (If you are single, think through the following questions with the bent of how you can ready yourself, as well as labor to encourage and strengthen the marriages of your brothers/sisters)

3. With reference to 6:13 - 7:10, what does it mean for you to cultivate a deep **intentional love** for your spouse?
 - a. How does articulating praise factor into this? Is this easy or difficult for you, why?
4. With reference to 7:11-13, what does it mean for you to be intentional about creating **meaningful time** with your spouse? How does this relate to experiencing "new as well as old" choice fruits?
 - a. Is this easy or hard for you, why?
5. With reference to 8:1-7, what does it mean for you to be intentional about cultivating a **deep connection** with your spouse?
6. How do you know if you are ready to stir up and awaken love? See 8:8-10. What does it mean to be a wall? A door?