

Discussion Questions for Song of Solomon
September 14, 2014

1. Begin your time by asking some people to share how they met their spouse. Ask them to share what it was that attracted them to this person.
2. Ask people to share something about their wedding - What was special and what was stressful!
3. Read Ecclesiastes 3:6-10 - what are some of the details that you notice about this "Royal Wedding" - how does it compare to the recent "Royal Weddings" in England?
4. Take time to read through the description of the wedding night (4:1-7) (You may want to compare verses 7:1-9 which is probably later in their marriage relationship) Try to clarify some of the word pictures in these verses. How do verses 4:10 - 5:1 sum up this wonderful experience for this married couple on their wedding night?
5. We stated that there are at least four reasons for sex that are given in the Bible. Ask your group to discuss how these reasons are supported or undermined by our culture and media today.

Procreation (Genesis 1:28 / 2:24-25)

Pleasure (Genesis 18:12 / Proverbs 5:19)

Protection (Proverbs 5:20 / I Corinthians 7:2-5)

Picture (Genesis 2:24-25 / Ephesians 5:28-33)

6. What do you think are some of the dangers and distortions for teens and adults about sex and sexual behavior in our culture today?

How can you teach your children and grandchildren about the biblical purposes for sex and the dangers and temptations that they face today?

How can you help your children exercise restraint in the sexual behavior and attitudes before marriage? Discuss how some examples like "fire or water" help illustrate the benefits of restraint when they are under control and how destructive they can be when they are out of control.

7. Conclude your discussion by asking each married or engaged couple to share an example of why they are thankful for their spouse.