

**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday?
Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you
unpack what you heard on Sunday while diving deeper into
God's word.**

1. *What was the best date you have ever been on? What made it so fun or special?*
2. *What examples of Godly marriages do you have? What is it about these Godly marriages that you admire?*
3. *What insight, observation, or principle from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain.*

This Sunday we were introduced to King Solomon & His wife as they reflected back on a snapshot of their courtship season of their relationship. All of our relationships experience seasons. Regardless of what season you find yourself in, God's word provides the insight into how to get the best out of our relationships.

- *As a group spend some time reading through Song of Solomon 1-2:7. Write down any observations, questions, important insights you gain from reading the text.*
- *Solomon & His wife give us a picture of a thriving satisfied couple? What are some characteristics that we can glean from this text that make these two so satisfied with each others love?*

- *In Song of Solomon 1:5-7. We see some insecurities shared, What were they? How do you express or respond to insecurities in your own relationships? How does Solomon respond to the insecurities of his beloved? (See 1:8-11) How can we learn from Solomon's example?*
- *Encouragement is a vital part of every healthy God honoring relationship. How do we see Solomon & His wife encourage one another? Read Thessalonians 5:11 & Hebrews 3:13. What do these passages say about encouragement? Is encouragement a normal part of your relationship or is it lacking? How can you be more encouraging?*
- *Song of Solomon 2:7 gives a warning to the reader. What was this warning? What wisdom is Solomon trying to give us?*

Digging Deeper

Single:

- *What are some of God's standards that you will implement in preparation for your marriage?*
- *Name one of your biggest insecurities. What does God's word say about our insecurities?*

Married:

- *What is one of your greatest insecurities? Describe what your spouse could do to make you feel more secure?*
- *What ways can you better encourage your spouse? Take a minute to write down three ways you will intentionally encourage your spouse this week.*

“Faithful Attraction”

Song of Solomon 1:1-2:6

Song of Solomon 1:2 (ESV) *2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine*

FOUR QUALITIES OF A FAITHFUL ATTRACTION

1. THEY RECOGNIZED GODLY CHARACTER

Song of Solomon 1:3-4 (ESV) *3 your anointing oils are fragrant; your name is oil poured out; therefore virgins love you. 4 Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me into his chambers.*

Proverbs 12:4 (NIV) *A wife of noble character is her husband's crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.*

2. THEY BUILT GODLY TRUST

Song of Solomon 1:5-6 (ESV) *I am very dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. 6 Do not gaze at me because I am dark, because the sun has looked upon me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not kept!*

3. THEY PRACTICED GODLY STANDARDS

Song of Solomon 1:7 (ESV) *Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where you pasture your flock, where you make it lie down at noon; for why should I be like one who veils herself beside the flocks of your companions?*

I WILL NOT:

- **SACRIFICE MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**
- **COMPROMISE GOD'S STANDARDS.**
- **PLAY HOUSE.**

4. THEY GREW WITH GODLY ENCOURAGEMENT

Song of Solomon 1:9-17 (ESV) *9 I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots. 10 Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels. 11 We will make for you ornaments of gold, studded with silver. 12 While the king was on his couch, my nard gave forth its fragrance. 13 My beloved is to me a sachet of myrrh that lies between my breasts. 14 My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms in the vineyards of Engedi. 15 Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves. 16 Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly delightful. Our couch is green; 17 the beams of our house are cedar; our rafters are pine.*

THE RESULT

- **SHE FEELS SPECIAL.**

Song of Solomon 2:1 (ESV) *I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.*

- **SHE FEELS SECURE.**

Song of Solomon 2:3-4 (ESV) *3 As an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. 4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.*

A HUSBANDS ROLE ...

- **BE HER PASTOR**
- **BE HER PROVIDER**
- **BE HER PROTECTOR**

Song of Solomon 2:5-6 (ESV) *Sustain me with raisins; refresh me with apples, for I am sick with love. 6 His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me!*