

A ROAD TRIP ACROSS THE BIBLE



Song of Solomon | Nov. 23, 2014

4. Sexual Intimacy must be CULTIVATED.

- with words of AFFIRMATION & ATTRACTION.
- working through HANG UPS, BARRIERS and OBSTACLES .
- with open sharing of INSECURITIES, FEARS and DESIRES.

5. Sexual Intimacy is BROKEN.

- SOLOMON was broken in this area. (1 Ki. 11:3-4)
- WE ARE all broken in this area.

6. Sexual Intimacy is a GOSPEL ARENA. (Eph. 5:31-33)

- A place to PRACTICE and LIVE the Gospel .
- One building block of a healthy, God-honoring marriage that DISPLAYS the Gospel to a BROKEN world.

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Song of Solomon is a collection of love poems celebrating the delights of sexual intimacy and marital love. Both its presence in Scripture and its content teach us practical truths about this vital and delicate area of our lives . . .

1. Sexual Intimacy is a GOOD GIFT of God.

- Sex is God's INVENTION.
- God's desire for us is PLEASURE and FREEDOM in this area.

2. Sexual Intimacy is for MARRIAGE. (SOS 2:7, 3:5, 8:4)

- Sex is SOULISH: There is no such thing as "CASUAL SEX". (1 Cor. 6)
- The sharing of ourselves in sex is for a WHOLE-LIFE commitment for a LIFE-TIME.
- Sex is both for our PLEASURE and for PROCREATION.

3. Sexual Intimacy is about SELF-GIVING.

- (Not SELF-SEEKING)
- (Not WITHHOLDING)

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CONNECTING TOGETHER

Share plans for the Thanksgiving holiday and one thing for which you are thankful.

Thanks for those pics! Keep them coming. Use #GraceSLOGrowthGroups.

UNDERSTANDING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

Given the delicacy and intimacy of this week's message, we want to encourage you this week to split your group into separate men's and women's discussions. It's not easy to talk about these matters, but it's valuable.

1. Did you have a chance to read Song of Solomon before or after the message? What do you think?
2. What was your reaction to this week's message? Did it make you blush? Historically, the topic of sex has been more taboo in church than it is in the Bible. What do you think the impact of a failure to talk about sex has been on generations of Christians?
3. Which point of the message personally challenged you the most and why? Did the message reveal any actions you need to take or actions you need to stop?

4. Thinking about last week, sex is one of the good things that we & our culture make into an ULTIMATE thing. What evidence of this do we see in the world and in our own lives?

5. We are all broken in the sexual area of our lives, as was Solomon. Our marriages are all sexually broken. What are some of the ways that brokenness manifests itself? How specifically does the Gospel address these areas of brokenness?

6. How is the area of sexual intimacy a GOSPEL ARENA in which to practice/live/receive/give and display the Gospel?

PRAYING TOGETHER

In light of this discussion, spend time praying for one another in this area of your lives. Pray for a Gospel understanding of this important part of our lives. Pray for sexual purity. Pray for grace, self-giving, sexual freedom, and fulfillment in our marriages.