

DATING AND COURTSHIP

Song of Solomon 1:8-3:5

This book is applicable for the single person or married couple because whatever stage one is in, he/she can learn from it and/or help others learn God's desire for marriage. So both the married couple and the single person have valuable insight or life experience to give to this discussion. Therefore, it is incredibly important that Jesus is at the center of all our lives and relationships and that Biblical principles are pursued so that this pre-marriage relationship glorifies God.

Read Song of Solomon 1:8-3:5

Understanding

1. Read 1:8-3:5. Describe the characteristics of the relationship expressed in this passage

Application

2. Pastor Jesse noted that when dating, it is essential not to become isolated. Dating should be done in public and in community. Why is this important and essential?
3. How are friends to influence relationships?

Analysis

4. Pastor Jesse noted the problems of sexual intimacy outside of marriage. Discuss why sexual intimacy of any shape or kind outside of the security of marriage can be destructive, let alone not glorifying to God.
5. What are ways that enable you to watch and observe the true character of the person you are dating. If you are single or already married, how can you encourage someone in a dating relationship to discover more about the character of the person they are dating.

Evaluation

6. How can your eyes be kept on Jesus in a dating relationship? Or how can you help someone who is dating do the same?

Homework

Married Couples -

Discuss your love language with your spouse.

Discuss how you can put the other spouse first.

Singles –

Discuss how you can honor God more effectively in your current or future dating relationship

Discuss how you can honor the other more effectively in your current or future dating relationship