

MESSAGE NOTES

Explicit Lyrics series

“Act 3: Passion”

Song of Songs 3-4

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Safety and security produce _____.

Trust produces _____.

Vulnerability produces _____.

Sex is a _____.

1. Sex is _____ by God.

2. Sex is _____ by God.

Genesis 2:24-25; Genesis 1:27-28

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of February 23, 2025

OPENING DISCUSSION _____

1. Where did you first learn about sex, relationships, and intimacy? How did that shape your views growing up?

2. Bryan talked about how our culture gives a false view of sex and relationships. As you consider what the world has to offer, what are some common misconceptions about love and sex that the world promotes?
(Romans 12:2)

BIBLICAL REFLECTION _____

1. In **Song of Solomon 3**, Beloved is deeply in love but also anxious about her future marriage. If you are married or considering marriage, what are some fears you currently feel or felt at the time of your marriage?

What are some common fears or concerns people have about relationships today?

2. **Song of Solomon 3:5** says, “Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.” What does this mean, and how does it apply to modern dating and relationships?

3. In **Song of Solomon 4:12**, Solomon describes his bride as a “private garden,” symbolizing commitment, trust, and the sacred nature of their intimacy. Read the following passages and reflect on the question below:
 - **Genesis 39:6-12**
 - **1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

What do we learn from these verses? Why is doing what they say so difficult in a culture that is so flooded with distorting what God says should be good?

4. Depending on your experience, sex could either be good, a god or simply gross. How do you currently feel about this topic?

Have you identified why you feel the way you do? Explain!

5. The sermon emphasized that “sex is a gift created by God” (**Genesis 2:24-25**). Why is it important to understand and respect God’s design for intimacy within marriage?
6. It’s the small compromises that lead to destructive habits. What are some “small compromises” in relationships that can lead to bigger issues? (**Galatians 6:7-8**)

PERSONAL APPLICATION _____

1. In **Song of Solomon 3:6-8**, Solomon arrives with 60 warriors, symbolizing the importance of community support. How can we ensure our relationships are surrounded by godly counsel and accountability? (**Proverbs 27:17**)
2. For those who have made mistakes in the past, the sermon emphasized grace and restoration (**1 John 1:9**). How can we encourage healing and redemption in our own lives or help others who struggle with regret?

PRAYER REQUESTS _____