

Song of Solomon

Big Idea

Song of Solomon, or Song of Songs, is a celebration of the mystery and power of sexual love. It weaves together the beauty of the Lover and his Beloved, as well as the joy of seeking and then finding one's love. In the final chapter, the author concludes that "love is as strong as death". It is beautiful and also dangerous. Using much garden imagery, it points to love untainted by sin, where husband and wife are vulnerable yet unified and safe.

Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:1-17

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you, or confused you from this week's sermon or the book of Song of Solomon?

Have you ever witnessed a declaration of love increase the security of the one being loved? Have you ever seen someone's security damaged?

If your passion is waning, what can you do to ignite love?

What are some really effective ways you've seen investment in friendship happen?

What obstacles to loving others are you experiencing right now?

Though the book is about romantic love:

- **What applications can you make toward friendship?**
- **Church life?**
- **What kind of impact does this have on loving your enemies?**

What love-building step is the Holy Spirit empowering you to take this week?