

Love Story: Mature Love Week 5

Sermon Notes

Trust God with your Love Story

Song of Solomon 7:1 - 8:4 (NIV)

Four Truths about Mature Love

- 1) Mature Love has a Deeper Appreciation.
- Ask: What do you Love?
- 2) Mature Love meets Deeper Needs.
- Ask: What do you need?
- 3) Mature Love has a Deeper Respect.
- Ask: What do you value?
- 4) Mature Love has a Deeper Intimacy.
- Ask: What brings you pleasure?

Discussion Questions

- 1) Share how you have grown into deeper appreciation and/or deeper respect for others (specifically your spouse) over time. How has this changed/enhanced your relationship?
- 2) If married, ask your spouse the four application questions from the sermon: What do you love? What do you need? What do you value? What brings you pleasure?
- 3) For your relationships to be successful, you must close the gap between good intentions and actions. What specific commitment do you need to make and keep? Write your commitment(s) down and share them with others for accountability.
- **4)** Husbands: Write a list of everything you appreciate about your wife and read it to her. If you have kids, be sure to have them watch you do it! Wives, do the same.
- **5)** Read *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. If you don't already know, discover the Love Language of your spouse (and your kids' too!).