

“THE IMAGE OF INTIMACY”

SONG OF SONGS 1:5-2:7

I. GODLY INTIMACY BEGINS WITH A _____

A. OUR WORTH IS NOT DEFINED BY OUR _____ OR OUR _____.

B. OUR WORTH IS NOT DEPENDANT UPON WHAT _____ ABOUT US.

II. GODLY INTIMACY IS FUELED BY A _____

A. SHE TURNED AWAY THE _____ OF THE KING FOR THE _____ OF
THE SHEPHERD

B. SHE TURNED AWAY THE _____ OF THE KING FOR THE _____ OF
THE SHEPHERD

C. SHE TURNED AWAY THE _____ OF THE KING FOR A
_____ WITH THE SHEPHERD

III. GODLY INTIMACY RESULTS IN AN _____

A. LOVE _____ (2:3)

B. LOVE _____ (2:4)

C. LOVE _____ (2:6)

KOINONIA SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. IN A WORLD OBSESSED WITH IMAGE, HOW CAN WE BETTER APPRECIATE TRUE INTIMACY? HOW DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH APPEARANCE/IMAGE ISSUES?
2. HOW OFTEN DO YOU BASE YOUR INTIMACY WITH CHRIST ON YOUR OWN BEAUTY OR WORKS? WHAT ARE WAYS TO GUARD AGAINST *LEGALISM* (WORKS-BASED SALVATION) AND *LISCENTIOUSNESS* (LIVING ANY WAY WE WANT)?
3. DISCUSS THE POWER OF WORDS IN CREATING INTIMACY. WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO VERBALIZE BLESSINGS/THANKS/PRAISE FOR SOMEONE, ESPECIALLY SPOUSES? WHAT IS THE GREATEST PRAISE YOU HAVE RECEIVED RECENTLY? GIVEN?
4. CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF LOVE IN AN HONORABLE RELATIONSHIP. HOW DOES THE GODLY LOVE THAT PROTECTS, PROVIDES, AND PURSUES CHALLENGE THE IDEA OF LOVE THAT IS MARKETED IN THE WORLD? HOW CAN WE BE IMAGE BEARERS OF GOD'S LOVE TO THE WORLD?
5. HOW DOES THIS SPECIFIC PASSAGE POINT BELIEVERS TO JESUS CHRIST? HOW CAN BELIEVERS USE THE PASSAGE TO POINT THE WORLD TO JESUS CHRIST?

HOMEWORK: WHAT'S MY "P.A.R.T."?

PRAY: ASK GOD TO HELP YOU GROW IN YOUR LOVE FOR CHRIST AND HIS RETURN.

ACT: ESTABLISH PRACTICAL WAYS TO GUARD AGAINST THE SEDUCTIONS OF THE WORLD.

READ: STUDY *SONG OF SONGS 2:8-17* IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK.

TEACH: FIND OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE WHAT WE'VE LEARNED.