



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

September 3, 2023
Song of Songs 3:6-5:1
“A Royal Wedding”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Last week Tony provided some admonitions concerning the deification and/or dismissal of marriage. How has your perspective and understanding of marriage been impacted by these warnings?
2. This week, the author uses Old Testament language to describe the impending wedding, which also serves as a shadow of the ultimate union between Christ and his church. Which passages and stories from the Old Testament come to mind when studying chapters 3 and 4?
 - a. How does the use of the Old Testament to describe and foretell a future reality impact your faith in God's Word?
3. As we read about the arrival to the wedding, royal language is used to describe the couple and how they act towards one another. What other passages of Scripture provide instruction and wisdom for how men and women are to treat one another in marriage?
 - a. Married couples, how do your actions, behavior, and care for your spouse compare to the standard Scripture calls us too?
4. Chapter 4 presents a particular focus on both the bride's physical and sexual beauty (even though the language used is different from how we may compliment today)! How ought our appreciation of one another's physical characteristics look different than how the world views physical beauty?
 - a. What are some ways the sexual intimacy described in verses 8-15 differs from the way sex is portrayed by the world?
 - b. This prized, guarded, and protected presentation of sex is helpful for both married and unmarried people. How can we as a GG fight to see all our members value sexual intimacy in this way? **Use this as an opportunity to invite, with discernment, different life stages into your joys and struggles. Both married and unmarried folks need encouragement towards sexual purity (ie. fidelity, sexual struggles, longings, fighting worldly perceptions, temptations, etc.).**
5. How can we as a church use the studying of this book and our radical (by the world's standards) view of marriage and sex to proclaim the hope and joy of the gospel to the lost around us in our communities?
6. The beauty and glory that exudes out of this text is just a shadow of the beauty and glory that is coming when Christ returns for His bride! How have the last few weeks impacted your perspective on eternity?
 - a. If it hasn't, what do you think is hindering you from applying what we are studying to Christ's return?