



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**September 17, 2023**  
**Song of Songs 5:2-6:3**  
**“A Cycle of Love”**

**QUESTIONS**

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

1. As we pick back up in Song of Songs this week, how have you been encouraged through the study of this book?
  - a. What are some things that you have found challenging in studying this book?
2. This week, Pastor Walter tried to explain some of the nuance tied to the interpretation of a dream that is taking place within a metaphor. He suggests this dream relates to the enemy's frustration of the couple's sexual union. In what ways can vs 5:2-6 serve as a warning for both married and unmarried folks?
  - a. Married folks, what does it look like for you to serve your spouse in your sexual relationship?
3. Towards the middle of the passage the bride has the opportunity to "remember" her husband (vs 10-16). What stands out to you most from her reflections of him?
  - a. Why is it so hard to be known and loved in today's cultural context?
4. In 5:16, the woman praises the man as her "friend." Walter highlighted this point to show that sexual fulfillment is insufficient to hold a relationship together. What else is needed? How do we see these features in other, non-marital relationships? What are some of the non-sexual elements of a healthy relationship that you struggle with?
5. As a point of application, Pastor Walter stated that "marriage and relationships are actually a search for Jesus?" What did Pastor Walter mean by this statement?
  - a. What in your life is hindering you from believing this statement?
6. Walter encouraged us to "embrace sexual desire as a tutor." How has the Lord taught you through sexual desire, whether fulfilled or unfulfilled?