

GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

September 24, 2023 Song of Songs 6:4-8:4 "Intimacy"

QUESTIONS

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

- 1. This week's text gives us a picture of physical intimacy in marriage. Before we dig into that, in what other ways do people crave intimate relationships?
 - a. What kinds of barriers have you seen to people experiencing these deep, intimate relationships?
 - b. How can the church be a witness to the world in this area?
 - c. How can we foster this kind of general intimacy with other Christians?
- 2. How would you describe the difference between how the Man views the Woman and how the competitors view her (6:13)?
 - a. How can we subtly drift into viewing our spouse (or perhaps anyone else) in a way that echoes these competitors?
- 3. These competitors are just one example of all kinds of threats to marital intimacy and purity. What are some of the other threats to marital intimacy that a couple might run into, whether internally or externally?
 - a. How can we be proactive about protecting marriages in the church without treating everyone else like a threat?
- 4. In reference to 7:1-9 and physical intimacy in marriage, Shane mentioned that we must resist three dangers that Christians can fall into.
 - a. What were they?
 - b. Which danger are you most inclined toward and why? How does this passage provide a corrective to each of these?