



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

August 27, 2023
Song of Songs 2:8-3:5
“The Time of Singing Has Come”

QUESTIONS

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

1. Last week, we were introduced to the theme of "longing" that is consistent throughout Song of Songs. This reality applies to all human beings. What are some things that you are longing for in your life currently? Use this as an opportunity to truly get to know and care for the members or your group! Encourage them to be honest.
2. In the first portion of this text, we see the woman longing for her spouse, but experiencing a barrier between them (v. 9). When was there a time that you desired something but were hindered in having it? What kinds of thoughts, feelings, and emotions did you experience in that hindrance?
3. Accompanying the theme of "longing" in this book is the focus on the importance of "timing." In what ways does our cultural context make it difficult to wait on God's timing?
 - a. How did Jesus demonstrate his deep love through both his perfect obedience to God's timing and his perseverance through barriers on earth?
4. Tony mentioned that verse 15 argues for accountability and the need for others to help us protect our relational purity. What are some ways we can prioritize accountability in the context of our romantic relationships (longing to date, dating, marriage, etc.)?
5. Towards the end of the passage, we see the woman experiencing the agony of physical separation in her relationship with her spouse-to-be. Though separation, distance, and space can be physical in nature, it can also be mental, emotional, and sexual in nature. Married couples, what are some ways that you have worked through seasons of distance with your spouse?
 - a. How can we anticipate and prepare ourselves to fight through seasons of drifting from those we love?
 - b. How has Jesus demonstrated this pursuit of love perfectly?
6. This text closes with the same warning as last week. In the context of pursuing marriage, what are some of the dangers of "awakening love too soon"?
 - a. How can we as a growth group care for and encourage one another to heed this warning, especially for those who are unmarried?
7. Though Song of Songs is a book that highlights earthly marriage, it also points forward to our ultimate union with Christ. How can this reality help all of us when we are experiencing unmet longings in our hearts?
 - a. How can this reality help all of us have a healthy perspective on and understanding of marriage?