

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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WELCOME: What's your go-to worship song right now?

WORSHIP: [Worship Playlist](#)

WORD: Read Song of Songs 2:1-17

V. 1-2 The woman's self-confidence is based on more than mere appearance; she shows objective humility in stating "I'm-one-among-a-million".

Have you ever felt like you were simply one-among-a-million, yet received love, affection, and/or adoration from another? Share with the group.

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and is enhanced through the lens of true love."

Among our marriages and/or close relationships, what is the danger in determining beauty through objective (cultural norm) standards? What tends to skew your standard of beauty?

V. 4 PUBLIC PROCLAMATION BEFORE PRIVATE PRIVILEGE. PBJ warned us that if we are intimately connected with someone who is fine with private privilege, but is unwilling to acknowledge and share their love for you through public proclamation, then you have a problem. *Have you, or someone close to you, ever been affected by this issue in the past or in a current relationship? If so, how has it affected you?*

V.7 How do you determine when the level of openness and intimacy in a relationship is progressing at a balanced and proper pace?

V. 15 In what ways can deprivation (withdrawal, denial) destroy intimacy in our relationships? How do we protect ourselves from "foxes" that can ruin our relationships?

How does unfaithfulness (pornography, adultery) affect intimacy in a current or future relationship?

V.16-17 Poetic euphemisms are used to describe the incredible freedom that can exist in the marriage relationship. *As we apply this to our current relational circumstance, how does trust affect your openness and vulnerability with your spouse and/or those who are closest to you?*

WITNESS: *Discuss how this specific sermon series could completely change the thoughts of those outside the Body of Christ.*