

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

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08/28/16 - "Song of Songs - Secret Garden"



MONTEREYCHURCH

**WELCOME:** What object would be the hardest to live without?

**WORSHIP:** [Worship Playlist](#)

**WORD:** Read Song of Songs 4:1-16 & 5:1

What part of the sermon and/or scripture stuck out to you, and why?

V. 1-7 We see the man recognize and share, through his own perspective, the beauty and flawlessness of his bride.

1. *What is the danger of looking at our spouse through the lens of the world?*
2. *In what ways might the world tell you to view your spouse?*
3. *How does this view reflect Christ's love for His church? For you?*

V. 8 The couple experiences safety and vulnerability because of their sacred union.

*Why should are our relationships be safe within the union of marriage? Why are relationships outside the covenant of marriage often abusive and so dangerous?*

V. 12 Chastity is celebrated and is also a metaphor for our soul that is reserved for intimacy with Christ. Many have lost their innocence through acts of violence, foolishly giving it away, or having had it taken away by deception. As a result, many suffer from a memory or hurt from the past. Christ has come to free us of our past and offers healing and redemption.

*If you are still suffering from wounds in this area, ask others to pray for you.*

*How would you say this message directly applies to you (intimacy with spouse and/or Christ, vulnerability, unity, safety, clear communication, etc.)? What steps are you taking towards applying this direct truth from His Word to your life?*

**WITNESS:** *Has this word through Song of Songs changed the way you love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? How has that change affected the lives of those around you?*

Assigned Worship: \_\_\_\_\_ Memory: \_\_\_\_\_