

Song of Solomon

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UHBC Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study

Lesson Three

The Art of Courtship, Part 1

INTRODUCTION

What is the difference between courtship and dating?

EXPLORATION

1. To have a good courtship, what four things must occur?
2. What does, "Do you see honey? Eat what you need lest you eat too much and vomit it up." mean?
3. What does, "Let your foot not often be in your neighbor's house lest he come to despise you." mean?
4. SoS 2:14, "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock..." What does that mean?
5. Eph 5:26, "...that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word..." What does this mean?
6. Tommy quotes, "you made your bed, then you have to lie in it," in reference to trying to change your partner after marriage. What principle is he communicating?
7. According to Tommy, what needs to happen after having gone out 4 or 5 weeks?
8. You can escalate your relationship too quickly by:
 - a) Sharing too much too fast
 - b) Putting your hands on your partner too fast. How does one avoid these pitfalls?
9. What should you do if your partner won't forgive your past before you are married?
- 10) How do you check yourself for the quality of forgiveness?
- 11) How do you cultivate the ability to see from another person's point of view?
- 12) How can you properly evaluate your partner's suitability for you? How do you balance your love for one another with your love for Christ?

13) Sometimes we sweep difficulties under the rug. How can you develop the ability to speak openly and candidly with one another?

14) Why do some people get engaged in weeks, others in years? How do you deal with God's timetable for you?

15) Does your partner encourage you toward godliness or toward selfishness and greed?

APPLICATION

How would you like to become more like this SoS couple?

“A great courtship leads to a great marriage. To have a godly marriage, strive for a godly courtship.”

Proverbs 25:28 Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit.