

WEEK THREE : INTIMACY AS GOD MEANT IT TO BE

WELCOME:

Ice Breaker Questions: What's your favorite romcom film?

WORSHIP:

Sing, Goodness of God

Introduction:

Good news! The devil didn't create sex. God created sex to be exclusively enjoyed by one man and one woman joined in marriage. Outside of God's design, sex painfully complicates life. Currently, the world owns the devil's perverted version of the script on sex, but God's way provides an intimacy and fulfillment that will never be found through the world's standards. God created men and women to be different, and learning to serve each other's needs is a vital part of a healthy and successful marriage. The most beautiful relationship is two servants in love, and husbands and wives share responsibility to serve each other's needs according to God's standard.

WORD: SONG OF SOLOMON 4:1-16

Observation Questions:

1) How did Solomon describe his Beloved in these verses of this book? (Song of Solomon 4:1-7)

2) How did Solomon and his bride treat each other in these verses of these books? (Song of Solomon 4:1), (Song of Solomon 5:1)

3) Where did Solomon ask his bride to go in verse eight of this book? (Song of Solomon 4:8)

4) What did Solomon say his bride had stolen in verse nine of this book? (Song of Solomon 4:9).

lips in verses ten and eleven? (Song of Solomon 4:10-11)

6) What did Solomon compare his bride to in these verses? (Song of Solomon 4:12-15)

7) What did the Beloved invite her Lover to do in verse sixteen? (Song of Solomon 4:16)

Pastor Ta gave the following sermon lessons:

- 1. Godly physical intimacy is affirming, not degrading.
- 2. Godly physical intimacy is tender, not abusive.
- 3. Godly physical intimacy is passionate, not passive.
- 4. Godly physical intimacy is secure, not shameful.
- 5. Godly physical intimacy is holy, not sinful.

Application Questions:

1) What are some ways the world's playbook of sex conflicts with God's design of sex?

2) Discuss each characteristic of Godly sexaffirming, tender, passionate, secure, and holy. Which resonates most with you? Which do you or think you would struggle with the most?

3) What actions might a person take to silence the devil's narrative in their relationships?

4) What is God's original design for sexual intimacy?

5) Read Genesis 2:15-25 and Genesis 4:1. God commanded intimacy before the fall. How can we help our minds change our concept of sex into what God intended it to be?

WORK:

Pray for marriages within our church community.

Pray for teens and young adults that they would choose godliness and purity over sexual pressures.

5) How did Solomon describe his bride's love and