

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

### **Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Song of Solomon 3:6-5:1**

This week we will finish the book, Song of Solomon or Song of Songs. This is a love poem of the relationship between Solomon and one of his brides. We will start with some reminiscing of their engagement, marriage, and the consummation of the marriage. It is hot and heavy to say the least. How does woman describe Solomon's arrival (3:6-11)? What things strike you about this description? We read last week how they met, but today we see how serious the relationship is. It is official by this description and the groom has come to receive his bride. Upon arrival Solomon comes to the young woman. How does he describe her (4:1-7)? As we move on to verses 4:8-15, we read about their wedding night. How do we know that the relationship has moved beyond engagement? What is the word that signals the transition (vss. 8-12)? She is no longer the "young woman" but the bride in all of these verses. Verses 4:16 – 5:1 is the consummation of their marriage. What does this reveal to you about God? Keep in mind that God is the creator of this act of love in the bonds of marriage between a man and a woman. What does this reveal about us? Ponder when we act (or acted) like this without marriage)? What kind of wounds were caused by our failing to follow God's design for marriage and sex? Now consider how this points to Jesus' return to claim his bride, the church? The bride, the church, will be considered this beautiful. We will be in this garden scene and be Christ's garden. Spend some time today thanking God for the gift of marriage and making the church His bride.

### **Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3**

As we all know, relationships have their ups and downs and sometimes we let fear get the best of us. Thus is the case in the next part of our story. Read verses 5:2-8. What is the problem? Do you see the indifference in the woman in verse 3? (It's kind of like the 21<sup>st</sup> Century's "I have a headache.") What was the result of the woman's indifference (vss. 6-7)? Not a happy ending, is it? How do verses 7-8 show the determination of the woman to make it right? Moving to verses 10-16, the young woman describes Solomon. Note in verse 16b, how does she describe Solomon? Why is this significant? We need both to have healthy relationships. How do the others offer assistance (vs. 6:1)? Where does the woman suggest they look (vss. 2-3)? How does she describe their relationship with each other (vs. 3)? They have given themselves to each other completely and freely. This bond is like no other. It is in marriage we experience the complete bond of mind, heart, and body. How do these verses reveal God? Consider when we become complacent and indifferent to God. What does this reveal about us? What lessons do we need to take from this? How does this point to or reveal Jesus? Consider Jesus always knocks but does not force himself on anyone. Where have you been indifferent to God this week? What might need to change so Christ is first?

### **Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Song of Solomon 6:4-7:9**

As we move forward in this relationship, we see that Solomon has been found. How does he start his conversation with his fearful wife (vss.4-7)? Now remember that Solomon had many wives and concubines, so insecurities by the women were probably notable. But how does Solomon assure her of his love for her (vss. 8-10)? The young woman responds to Solomon in verses 11-12. What does it sound like she is doing? Depending on the translation from the Hebrew, it probably means she went to the chariots of her people. She wasn't cheating on Solomon but was returning home out of despair. How do the women of Jerusalem respond (vs. 13a)? We close out today with Solomon once again sharing his deep love and desire for the woman. What does he share with her (vss. 6:13b – 7:10)? What does this section reveal to us about God? Ponder how God reassures us with his words. What does this reveal about humanity? When we feel God is far away or when we compare ourselves to others, insecurities develop in us as well. How do these texts point to or reveal Jesus? Consider how it is Jesus that makes us beautiful before the Father. You are a jewel before God because of Christ! Be thankful.

### **Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – Song of Solomon 7:10 – 8:4**

We left off yesterday with Solomon sharing his love and desire for the woman. We start today with her response. Read verses 9b-13. What is she promising Solomon? Sometimes wives initiate sex, and it is okay. With this initiation, what is the promise made (vs.13b)? Moving on to chapter 8, read verses 1-4. Public display of affection was not acceptable unless among siblings or close friends. That is because those were not intimate encounters as it would be between a husband and a wife. But the woman wishes it were not so. Why do you think that is? What does this reveal to you about God? Consider the intimacy God wants with you. What does this reveal about humanity? Ponder when we love someone – we want everyone to know! Do we feel that way about God or do we hide it? How does this point to or reveal Jesus? Consider the intimacy between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are invited into that intimacy with them. Spend some time today in quiet intimacy with them.

### **Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – Song of Solomon 8:5-14**

We will close the week out by finishing the Song of Solomon. The night of passion is past. What do the women see (vs.5a)? How does the woman explain her time with Solomon (vss. 5b-7)? Moments of passionate intimacy develop deeper bonds between a husband and a wife. God designed it that way. It is a love that cannot be bought. In verses 8-9, the young woman remembers her youth and specifically her brothers, who were quite concerned about her virginity. What did they support and what were they willing to do to protect her? How did it turn out (vs. 10)? Verses 11-12 address a married couple's possessions. What is the point of these verses? We end with Solomon and the woman addressing each other. What does Solomon say to his wife? How does the woman respond? Do you see the invitation in this verse? Congratulations. We have finished another book in the Old Testament! What did you learn about God and His ways when it comes to marriage? What is revealed about us? When do we get it right? When do we get it wrong? How does this book point to Jesus' return and what it be like for us?

### **Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - For tomorrow please read Ecclesiastes 1.**