

# SONG *of* SOLOMON

## Part 1

### Big Idea

King Solomon wrote 1,005 songs in his lifetime, and Song of Solomon is considered his finest, or his Song of Songs. The Song of Solomon tells the story of how Solomon pursued, developed, and maintained a godly relationship with the woman he would marry. Through the Song of Solomon, we find a blueprint for walking out a biblical relationship, and our goal is to learn to love others as Solomon does—according to God’s way. Solomon and his bride-to-be began by first developing a spiritual attraction for each other. As we consciously decide to look past the ugliness of life and the world’s standards, we learn to see ourselves and others as God sees us. Seeing beyond outward appearances allows emotional attraction to develop. As we speak life into others—speaking things that are not as if they are—we show them appreciation and value, enabling us to see them as God does. God is emotional, and He develops emotional attraction with us in the same ways. We should take captive the false narrative of the devil and make it obedient to God’s Word, leaving the enemy’s lies with zero power to blur the spiritual and emotional attractiveness of ourselves or others. While God created us to experience physical attraction, it must have a strong, godly standard and His timing for us to experience it as He intends. If we ignore God’s way or choose the world’s standards, we are tempted to be drawn first into physical attraction. In Song of Solomon, a godly foundation to their relationship helped them place His standards and limits on the physical aspect of their relationship and set them up to experience all that God had for their relationship. As Solomon demonstrates, we must “come to love not by finding the perfect person, but by seeing the imperfect person perfectly,” as God does with us.

### Discussion

- Think of how you love and worship God. If others witnessed your actions, would they know that you love God? Would they know you worship Him?
- What are ways others show they value you? How do they speak life to you? How do you do the same for those you love as well as for those who are difficult to love?
- In what ways does the world disorganize and distort the art of attraction?
- How can we practice “seeing the imperfect person perfectly”?

### Prayer Focus

Ask God to develop the art of attraction in your relationships with those you love and those who are difficult to love. God has a purpose, so ask for clear vision from Him. Ask God to fill you to overflowing with His love for others. Thank God for loving us, even though we are “dark” and “neglected” like Solomon’s bride.

### Next Steps

Think about how you worship and show love to God and consider a next step in showing your devotion to Him. Identify a person who you love and how you can strengthen emotional attraction toward that person.

### Leader Tip

Encourage discussion about how people show love and worship to God. Brainstorm ways to develop emotional attraction and how to see the imperfect person perfectly.