**Love Songs – Wrap Up**

**Q & A – Text 519-893-2951 or email shayne@pathwaycc.ca**

**1) We have talked a lot about the story as we have gone through this series, the conflict of Solomon wanting the woman, the love of the woman and the shepherd and the challenges to their romance but how does the song end? Who does she end up with?**

***Song of Songs 8***

**2) Why is this book in the Bible when it seems so different from the rest of the Bible?**

**3) When the Bible describes the bride of Christ, is it referring to the church or are we individually Christ’s bride or both?**

**4) From your sermon on unhealthy relationships, it seems like passages like 1 Corinthians 7:1-7 could be twisted and used to be very manipulative. I see this danger in other passages too. What would be a healthy understanding of these passages?**

**5) What happens if you do not enjoy sex and you feel guilty about it and are unable to talk about it? How do you deal with feelings of failure in the marriage knowing the Bible tells you that sex is a beautiful thing in marriage?**

**6) Early on you mentioned that SOS was often interpreted metaphorically in the past. What are some of the ways we can see God in Song of Songs? Is this primarily a song describing human love, love between God and Israel/The Church or some combination?**

***Isaiah 5:1-7, Song of Songs 8:6, 1 John 4:9-10, John 10, 11-18, 15:13***

**LifeGroup Questions**

1. Spend some time sharing about your past week and catching up with one another.
2. How has God been working in your life lately? (Challenges, encouragements, areas He has been transforming)
3. What has challenged you throughout this series? What questions has this series left you with? What are some new things you have learned in this series?
4. Which of the questions asked this week most resonated with you?
5. What is your perspective on how the church has handled the topic of sex and relationships in the past? Why do you feel that way?
6. On Sunday we talked about the allegory found in Song of Songs and how we see God in this book. Brainstorm together some Bible passages that where you see parallels between Song of Songs and the rest of the Bible. (Think of shepherd imagery, vineyard imagery, marriage, power dynamics, etc)
7. Read Genesis 2:8-25 together.
8. What stands out to you in this passage?
9. What do you find the most challenging? Why?
10. What confuses you about this passage?
11. What do you think the text means when it says the two will become one flesh? How does this tie into our series? What does it tell us about relationships?
12. In the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve were naked and felt no shame. What does this tell us about how things were in creation?
13. How does the picture in Genesis differ from the picture we so often see in our world as it pertains to marriage and sex?
14. Spend some time praying for each other as you wrap up.