

What is Love?

Week 2

BRBC Groups

February 14, 2021

Scripture | Song of Songs 1:1-4, 2:7, 4:1-7, 8:1-7

Ice Breaker |

1. Talking about sex can be uncomfortable and awkward at times. Depending on when we grew up our perceptions might be different on if or who we should talk about sex. Why do you think sex is a uncomfortable topic at times?

Going Deeper |

1. What is something that stood out to you from this week's message? Do you have any questions about it?
2. What do you think is today's cultures perspective on what the bible says about sex and sexuality? Do you believe this to be true?
3. In the message Rob mentioned there are different ideas about what Song of Songs is about. Have you ever read Song of Songs? What do you think it is about?

The message this week looked at Song of Songs as a love poem, and not as an allegory. While many in history have seen this book as an allegory, recent insights have shown that it is likely a form of ancient love poetry about a man and a woman.
4. Read Song of Songs 2:7—What does the author mean by this statement?
5. Read Song of Songs 4:7. This talks about “raya” love. This means friend or companion. Why is this love so important?
6. Read Song of Songs 8:7. This uses “ahava” love. This love refers to an emotion that leads to a commitment, it's more than temporary urges. Why is this love so important?
7. Read Song of Songs 1:2. This uses the word “dod” for love. This refers to the sexual, physical element of love. Why is this element so important?
8. In the message, Rob shared that he sees Song of Songs presenting what the ideal form of committed covenantal love that is expressed in marriage. Why would it be important to have all three aspects of love- dod, raya, and ahava- present in our marriages? What would happen if we were deficient in one or more of these areas?
9. What do you think is important for our world to know about sex that may not be what is understood currently?