

## Song of Songs 1 | Sex 1

### Study Questions from 25.02.2024 sermon

#### Introduction

- i. British people are not particularly good at having sensible conversations about sex. We either joke about it, are too embarrassed to mention it at all, or talk about it inappropriately. How did your family and your church discuss sex?

#### Discussion

- ii. 'UK culture regards sex as everything and nothing.' What does this statement mean? Do you agree with it?
- iii. 'The Bible says sex is not gross, sex is not God, sex is good.' Discuss the meaning of this statement. Do you agree with it?
- iv. Read Song of Songs 1:9-17, Proverbs 5:18-19 and Hebrews 13:4. What do these verses teach us about God's attitude to sex?
- v. Read Mt. 19:4-6. This passage shows us that the right and only place for sex, according to God & Jesus, is within marriage between one man and one woman. Notice that Jesus refers back to creation when talking about sex and marriage. How does God's creative process in Genesis 1 mirror sex and marriage?
- vi. The following reasons were given in answer to the question 'Why does God restrict sex to marriage?'
  - Because sex is powerful, like fire
  - Because sex bonds each partner and strengthens oneness (Gen. 2:24 & 1 Cor. 6:15)
  - To protect us from Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)
  - To protect us from pornography
  - To restrict men and protect women (1 Cor. 7:3-4)
  - So that sex is the best it can be

Which of these reasons particularly stood out to you? Or confused you? Share with your group.

- vii. If sex is a trailer, what 'movie' does it point us to? What implications does this have for those who are single and celibate?

#### Prayer time

- viii. Spend some time praying over these things, and praying for one another.