

6. Read 5:16b and 6:3. The woman expresses great confidence in her relationship with her husband. Consider the opposite. How does the absence of security in a relationship negatively affect our ability to resolve conflict?

Sermon Notes

"When the Honeymoon is Over"
Song of Solomon 5:2 – 6:13
March 13, 2016

Introduction:

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Tim and Sherry Thomas - AWANA

Pray as they take steps to better track the churches they serve. How are the churches doing? What do they need? How can the Tim and Sherry help them reach their community?

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3. Our natural response to any offense is to retaliate and seek revenge. Look up 1 Thess. 5:15 and 1 Peter 3:9-12. How can these verses apply to marital conflict?

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 3-13-16

Questions adapted from Tommy Nelson, Song of Solomon: God's Best for love, marriage, sex and romance, Hudson Productions, Plano, TX, 2005, pp. 39-52.

Getting Started:

1. What are some typical things that produce conflict in marriage or in other relationships?

4. Read the question raised by the friends in 5:8-9. Given her tiff with her husband, what are some various ways the wife could have answered this question? How does what we say about a person contribute to or diffuse an argument?

What additional principles regarding our mouth can be drawn from these other verses: Prov. 10:19; 11:11, 13; 12:16-20; 15:1; 16:27-28?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read Song of Solomon 5:2-7. How do you "react" (rather than "respond") to your mate (or to others, if not married)? For some it may be the silent treatment; for others, it's like tripping a land mine. What are some unhealthy ways you've reacted to hurt in the past?

5. In 5:10-16 and 6:4-9, both the man and the woman affirm verbally what they admire about the other. Read Phil. 4:8. When we are angry with someone, why is this principle so hard to follow?