

## Catalyst Home Group

Discussion Questions • 11/01-04, 2009  
Song of Songs 1:9-2:7

### Intro/Review • “His Needs/Her Needs”

In our second week in the Song of Songs, pastor Chris talked about the importance of becoming servant lovers in marriage. As the Songs begin to unfold, they sing of a happy, healthy and selfless relationship that seeks first to meet the needs of the other.

### Discussion Questions:

[1] What questions do you have from Sunday's sermon? What stood out to you? What confused you?

[2] Many groups did not meet last week, so here's one for review. Growing up, would you say you saw sex as GROSS, GOD, OR GIFT? What shaped that view?

[3] **Read Ephesians 5:21-33.** How does the Christian view of mutual submission change the way we view relationships? How is this counter culture? How does this form the relational foundation for marriage?

[4] Describe an instance where your spouse (or someone important in your life) put your needs above theirs. How did that enhance your relationship?

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Discussion Questions Continued...

[5] Read Song of **Songs 1:9-2:7.**

### **Now, let's read their songs individually.**

Read His Songs to her (1:9-11, 15, 17, 2:2)

Look at what he provides for her:

Compliments, communication, priority, provision, gifts, protection, encouragement, En Gedi, sexual intimacy.

Read Her Songs to him (1:12-14, 16, 2:3-7)

Look at what she provides for him.

Rest, compliments, service, sexual intimacy, communication, En Gedi.

[6] What do we learn about marriage & relationships from these songs?

[7] v. 14 - En Gedi was an oasis in the middle of the desert where people would run to for refreshment & rest. What does En Gedi look like for you in your home or relationship?

[8] At the end of these songs, she sings a challenge to the single women in 2:7. What does this mean? Why does she challenge singles to wait? Why is sexual intimacy something that should be guarded until marriage?