

Catalyst Home Group

Discussion Questions • 11/8-12, 2009

Song of Songs 2:8-3:5

Intro/Review • "The Little Foxes"

This week Chris talked about the 'little foxes' (v. 15) that can sneak into and destroy marriages. Some foxes can be seen and are easy to identify while others (most) are sneaky and quietly move in and erode intimacy, health, and communication in marriage. The warning to the singles hits again in 3:5 as if to say...marriage is hard work. Don't jump into sex and marriage until you are fully prepared to give yourself away.

Discussion Questions:

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

[2] What has stood out to you the most so far in this series? How has it changed you or your views on sex/marriage?

[3] **Read Song of Songs 3:5 first then read Song of Songs 2:8-3:5.** Why does she repeat her warning to single women? Why do people say that 'marriage is hard work'? Why isn't it always easy? What was the biggest reality check for you in your marriage?

[4] What's so special about the springtime? What does this symbolize in their marriage?

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Discussion Questions Continued...

[4] **Re-read 2:15;** about the little foxes that 'ruin the vineyards.' What are they talking about here?

[5] On Sunday, Chris identified a group of foxes that commonly destroy a marriage (and they all started with the letter F to make it cooler) Which one(s) do you most identify with? Discuss each of these and how they can destroy the vineyard of marriage.

- **Faith Foxes:** differences in faith, theology, ministry, priority...
- **Family Foxes:** kids, extended family, parents...
- **Friends Foxes:** negative/subversive influences...
- **Financial Foxes:** budget disputes, spending problems, overworking, debt...
- **Familiarity Foxes:** criticism, lack of respect, boring sex, poor communication...
- **Fidelity Foxes:** infidelity, pornography, lust, jealousy, flirting...
- **Fantasy Foxes:** if only I had _____, my life would only be better off!

[6] How have you or your spouse caught foxes in your marriage?

[7] Personal foxes = marital baggage. Why is it important to rid yourself of as many foxes before marriage? If single, what foxes exist in our vineyard personally?