

Catalyst Home Group

Discussion Questions • 11/29-12/3, 09
Song of Songs 6:4-13

Intro/Review • “What Happened?”

After a quick peek into other aspects of their marriage, we jump into one of the big questions surrounding The Song of Songs. What happened to this marriage? How could something so beautiful, passionate, loving, committed, and God ordained fall apart?

As we know from history, Solomon was the wealthiest man in the world, possessed a God given wisdom like none other, built the Temple in Jerusalem, had the greatest army in the region, and had a castle full of 700 wives and 300 concubines (girl-friends). At some point, Solomon's priorities changed, he worshipped other gods, turned his back on God and ruined the most beautiful gift God has given him; his marriage.

How did this happen and how can we avoid the same mistake?

Discussion Questions:

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

[2] Have you ever walked away from God? What happened? Why?

[3] Can you describe a time when a relationship pulled you away from God? Did you see it coming? What happened?

Read Song of Songs 6:2-13.

Then Read 1 Kings 11:1-13.

[4] What happened? What's the significance of the nationalities of these women and what was Solomon's real sin?

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Discussion Questions Continued...

[5] The real issue here is idolatry [worshipping something or someone else above God]. Why is this such a big deal? Why does the Bible spend so much time dealing with this topic?

[6] Why does verse 4 mention his father? (Remember, Solomon is the first son of David & Bathsheba) Discuss the implications of this and how generational sins affect our children.

[7] Why does God tell us to marry (or seriously date) someone who has the same belief systems, passion for Jesus, and faith practices? (Deut. 7:1-4, 2 Cor. 6:14) Why do so many think they are the exception to the rule?

[8] Imagine...you know yourself better than anyone else...what would happen tomorrow if today you turned your back on God and worshipped false gods?

[9] What needs to happen in your life to avoid the same devastating results? How do you keep God #1 in your life/marriage/dating relationships?

[10] Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. What can we learn from Solomon's last words?