

# A Visitor's Guide to the Old Testament

## A Quick Discussion Guide on the Book of Song of Songs/Solomon

1. What did you determine concerning a few of the questions you asked when reading the text:
  - a. Are there two main characters or three?
  - b. Does the cultural distance between us and the singer of the song make it difficult for us to understand and appreciate certain parts of the Song? How can we overcome this barrier?
  - c. The BIGGIE!: Is the Song about the love of man and woman, about God and his people, or both?
2. There is certainly a sense of joy that the beloved and the lover (wife and husband or, the Church and Christ) have for one another and in one another presence. Assuming, for a moment, that the Song of Songs is typical – that is, about the Church and Christ – what are some church hymns or songs that speak of the joy we have in Christ or that Christ has in us (the songs might even bring you joy!)?
3. The beloved appears to be from humble origins while the lover is from an upper class. Nonetheless the lover is entirely enamored with his beloved. How is this true about the Church and Christ? What encouragement can this bring when we feel unimportant or underappreciated by the world?
4. Write your memory passage below:
5. The Song says, “my beloved is mine, and I am his” (2:16). Describe some aspects of marriage that reflect the two becoming one. Where is this still imperfect and incomplete?
6. Take and defend a position on one of the following statements:
  - The Scriptures take a positive view of sexuality.
  - The Scriptures take a negative view of sexuality.
7. Read Song of Songs 8:6,7 and construct a devotional thought you might have with a fellow believer who is struggling: