



Solomon on Sex

Love That Never Dies

Small Group Work Sheet

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Part 1 - Ice Breaker

Love is wonderful. It can also be dangerous. I heard about the teenage boy who went into the drugstore and asked the druggist for a one-pound, a three-pound, and a five-pound box of candy. When the druggist asked him why he wanted three different boxes, he said, "Tonight I have a date with the most beautiful girl in our school. She is drop-dead gorgeous. I've been in love with her for years, and I finally worked up enough nerve to ask her out, and she said yes. Unfortunately our first date is having dinner with her parents. But after dinner, we're going to go outside and sit in their porch swing, and I have really high hopes about that. If before the night is out I get to hold her hand, I'm going to give her that one-pound box of candy as a gift. But sir I must tell you, my goals for this night are much higher. If she lets me put my arm around her and hold her real tight, I'm going to give her that three-pound box. But, if before our date ends, she lets me give her a big wet kiss right on her mouth, I'll give her that five-pound box of candy as a gift."

The druggist sold him his three boxes of candy, and the young man went home. In preparation for the date, he did all the things a man, young or old, married or unmarried, should do before a date. He took a shower and used shampoo and soap. He brushed his teeth and used mouthwash. He put on deodorant and cologne, as well as nice clean clothes.

After arriving at his date's home and visiting for a while in the family room, they went into the dining room for dinner. The father asked the young man to say the blessing, and boy did he. He prayed fifteen minutes for the meal! When he finished, his date looked at him and said, "I had no idea you were so spiritual." The young man looked back at her and said, "Yes, and I had no idea your daddy was the druggist either!"

Part 2 - Sermon Review

1. At the beginning of the message, Pastor Kurt shared statistics from the series. Which ones surprised you? Which ones were most encouraging?
2. How did you meet your spouse? Have you shared the details with your children? When was the last time you went to the place where it all began?
3. When it comes to qualities of the passionate love the Shulammitte has for Solomon, what quality most surprised you? Why? How do these qualities relate to the qualities of God's love for us?
4. Family plays a big role in protecting sons and daughters from dating disasters. How can a Christian parent protect their children from the pressures of our sexual culture? Share your results in the comments section of <http://www.christ2rculture.com/sermons/files/soslovethatneverdies.html> for others to see.

5. The Shulammitte was a young woman that made wise dating choices. She saved herself physically, emotionally and relationally for marriage. If a young woman asked you about dating, what would you tell her? What from this series would help you answer her questions?
6. What would you tell a young man who asked you, "How far is too far?"
7. When you look back on the series, what is one positive step you took?
8. When you think back on this series, what will you remember?

Part 3 - It Is a Busy Time at Faith Church!

The boxes are arriving! The dust is in the air! This week is a *work week* at Faith Church as we reconstruct the stage, lighting and video.

Make sure you are part of this fun time working together!