



Sermon Notes & Study Guide

Song of Solomon 2:8-17

True love invites us to trust Jesus.

Song of Solomon 2:7b

“...that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases.”

A. True Love involves Pursuit (2:8-13)

⁸ The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills.

⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, there he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, looking through the lattice.

¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:

‘Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away,

¹¹ for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.

¹² The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.

B. True Love involves Protection (2:14-15)

¹⁴ O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the crannies of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

¹⁵ Catch the **foxes** for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom.’

C. True love involves Promise

¹⁶ My beloved is mine, and I am his; he grazes among the lilies.

¹⁷ Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, **turn**, my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on the cleft mountains.

Ephesians 5:31-32

³¹ “Therefore a **man** shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his **wife**, and the two shall become **one flesh**.” ³² This **mystery is profound**, and I am saying that it refers to **Christ and the church**.

- 1. Jesus pursues!**
- 2. Jesus protects!**
- 3. Jesus promises!**

“By this we know love, that He laid down his life for us, ...” **1 John 3:16**

Big Idea: True love invites us to trust Jesus

Study Guide

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read SoS 2:8–14

- What does pursuit look like in your marriage?
- What does pursuit look like in your relationship with Jesus?

Read SoS 2:15

- What are the foxes that you need to catch in your marriage?
- What are the foxes that you need to catch in your relationship with Christ?

Read SoS 2:16–17

This couple is so in love, but they have to wait!

- Share a situation in which you have had to wait on God for something.
- How did you handle it? What did God teach you during that time?