



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Song of Solomon: WEEK 8 – Maturing in Love  
March 4-7, 2021

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## LEADER NOTES

### **SAVE THE DATE Coach and Leader Gathering – Monday May 10 at All Campuses**

More information and a link to RSVP will be coming towards the end of March.

**Updating a DG Roster – Click here** to watch a short video on how to add people to your disciple group roster. If you need to make room for #onemore person to join your group, **click here** for a short video.

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Good Friday | March 30 at 6:30PM | All Campuses and Online**

There is no celebration of the risen King without the crucifixion. We can't properly celebrate the resurrected Jesus without first meditating on His suffering on the cross that Friday. Join us for a Good Friday service as we reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Learn more at [coe22.com/easter](https://coe22.com/easter)

### **Fasting & Hour of Prayer | Every Wednesday from February 17 through March 31**

As a church, during Lent we will fast from food on Wednesdays from sunup to sundown. All campuses will be open each Wednesday from 12-1pm for prayer. Learn more at [coe22.com/easter](https://coe22.com/easter)

### **Local Outreach | Ongoing & Single-event Opportunities | Be Sent**

Disciple groups are groups of disciples sent into communities all over northeast Florida. To find a local partner for your group to be sent into and serve visit [coe22.com/localoutreach](https://coe22.com/localoutreach).

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## **THIS WEEK' S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/readingplan](https://coe22.com/readingplan)**

Sunday – Song of Solomon 7:1-13

Monday – Ezekiel 16:1-15; Psalm 45:13

Tuesday – Ruth 3:1-13

Wednesday – Proverbs 5:19-20; Isaiah 62:4-5

Thursday – Philippians 1:9-10; John 15:13

Friday – Colossians 4:6; Ephesians 4:29

Saturday – Luke 11:34-35; Proverbs 15:4; 16:24; 18:4, 20

## RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE:** *(Learn about, encourage and pray for one another)*

- **Action Step Review:** Do you fight fair? (pg 64) Which of these could you improve on?
  - How is your prayer life? Share with the others how you incorporate prayer into your daily life?
  - What was the best part of your week? What was the hardest?
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## Song of Solomon – Maturing in Love

**The Point:** Your love can grow old or you can grow old in love. It's your call.

SERMON TEXTS: Song of Solomon 7:1-13

### Discussion Questions

#### **DISCOVER**

Ask the group to take turns reading Song of Solomon 7:1-13 out loud.

**1. What are practical ways we can foster love in our relationships? What helps others feel loved? ?** *(Being kind and pleasant. Refraining from being controlling or difficult. Paying attention to who they are as a person, what they like and dislike, what they have been through. Showing interest in them and how they are doing. Remembering what they have shared before and asking about that. Doing things that interest them even if it doesn't interest you. Caring about what they care about.)*

**2. What are the 3 qualities in your spouse that you value the most? If you are single, what are 3 of the qualities that your friends and family value in you?** *(Answers will vary.)*

**3. What is it like to live with YOU? Do you self-examine at all? Regularly? What do you do if and when you feel in the wrong towards another person?** *(Self-examination is vital for a healthy, thriving relationship with others. If we never reflect on our own failings, then others will eventually distance themselves from us. Openness, humility and taking responsibility are key responses to have when we have wronged someone.)*

**4. For our love to grow and deepen, we have to pay attention to the fire and "add the logs" to keep it stoked. How are you actively stoking the fire in your marriage through your attentiveness and intentionality?** *(Answers will vary.)*

# DEEPEN

Leader - read Philippians 4:8

**5. Pastor Joby said we will either be a crown or a cancer to our spouse because how we speak to others will either build them up or tear them down. Do you tend to focus on what is right in others or what is wrong? How will this influence love growing stale or deepening over time?** *(When we focus on what is right, it gives life and joy to others, intimacy thrives. When we focus on what is wrong, we end up tearing others down which will ruin intimacy and trust. A critical spirit is like acid to a relationship.)*

**6. If our love is growing old, what part is our responsibility? What are 2 ways you can become more Christlike toward your spouse? If you are single, what are 2 ways you can become more Christlike toward your co-workers or family members?** *(Answers will vary.)*

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## ACTION STEP

**Group** – Pastor Joby shared how growing old in love requires pursuing and responding to one another. Spend time this week actively pursuing your spouse and being responsive to them. Use pages 72-74 in the journal for ideas on how to renew your passion for them or to prepare for your future spouse.

