

SUMMER OF LOVE

Week 15
FAMILY & GROUP DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTION

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DISCUSSION

How does God placing so much emphasis on the parents' responsibility to teach and train their children affect you?

Does it excite you or scare you?

EXPLANATION

Read Proverbs 22:6.

What is the best way to talk about life issues with kids?

What is the best way to talk about sexuality with kids?

If you are a parent, talk about the times your kids have taught you something.

Talk about the most teachable moment you have had with your child.

APPLICATION

Talk about the seven aspects of love from this week's message.

Which ones resonate with you the most?

Which ones do you have the hardest reconciling yourself in how you act?

Aaron said Sunday that "love is priceless." Do you agree with this statement or not?

Why?

MISSION

Give a definition for the word "perseverance."

How does God persevere in His love for people?

How are we called to persevere in our love for others?

In what ways can you help your spouse or friends to persevere in living the gospel in their lives?



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HASTENING TO LOVE (SOS 8:5-14)

Week 15 Notes
& SCRIPTURE VERSES

Deuteronomy 6:6-9
SOS 8:2
Deuteronomy 4:24

SOS 8:5-14
2 Peter 1:5-8

Proverbs 14:26
Proverbs 20:7



HASTENING TO LOVE (SOS 8:5-14)

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

In the scriptures the people of God were not to concern themselves only with their own attitudes toward the Lord, but were to impress them on their children as well. They were to talk about God's commands always, whether at home or on the road. In Ex 13:9-16, the consecration of the firstborn is said to be "like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead that the law of the LORD is to be on your lips."

Instruction and remembrance was of highest importance to God for His people. God called Abraham as the father of the chosen people and put on him the responsibility to train his children and his household to walk in the ways of the Lord (Gen 18:19; cf. Ps 78:5-7). The varied commands in Deuteronomy to teach the children clearly imply domestic education (Deut 4:9; 6:7-9; 11:19; 32:46). The training was imparted primarily through conversation, example, and imitation; it utilized effectively the interest aroused by actual life situations, such as the Passover, the redemption of the firstborn, and family rites (Exod 12:26-27; 13:14-16). Although all teaching was religiously oriented, reading, writing, and elementary arithmetic were taught...as well as sexual education.

Statistically, with the advent of the internet, the average boy sees his first pornography site at age 11. The number one consumer of online pornography is boys 12-17 years of age. You need to talk to your children BEFORE they get their information elsewhere. What does the Bible say? SOS 8:4 "*I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases.*"

7 ASPECTS OF REAL LOVE

- 1) Love is personal - V6 "*Set me as a seal upon your heart*" - A seal is a treasured possession.
- 2) Love is protective of each other - "*as a seal upon your arm*"
- 3) Love is powerful - "*for love is strong as death*".
- 4) Love is possessive - "*jealousy is fierce as the grave*" - This is not in a bad way (distrust, guilty until proven innocent)...Jealousy can be GOOD. *Deuteronomy 4:24 "For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God."*
- 5) Love is passionate - "*Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord.*"
- 6) Love perseveres - V7 "*Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.*"
- 7) Love is priceless - "*If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.*"

Love is personal, protective, powerful, possessive, passionate, it perseveres, and it is priceless. Love cannot be taken; it MUST BE GIVEN. This view of it must be handed down to the kids via the parents through HOW they parent.

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