

Explicit Lyrics – B-Side
Weekend Discussion Questions
May 10-11, 2008

Community:

1. Did you ever get in trouble when you were growing up for having explicit music? What was it?
2. Name 3 of the best love songs of all time.

Core: (Read Song of Songs 2:8-3:5)

1. In what ways is stepping into a serious relationship risky?
2. Why is it important in the context of casual dating to eventually have a “DTR” (Define the relationship) conversation?
3. Why do you think men are sometimes reluctant to pursue women?
4. Scott said to all the men, “your willingness to pursue or not pursue, risk or not risk, engage or not engage, commit or not commit, says something about your character.” What does it say? Do you agree or disagree?
5. Scott asked all the women, “If he will not pursue you now, will he defend you later?” What are your thoughts on that question?
6. In what ways is intentional, extended amount of time together vital for a relationship to move beyond casual dating?
7. Read vs. 15. What were the things that Solomon wanted to guard their relationship from? What things can potentially destroy a relationship?
8. How did your family deal with conflict when you were growing up? How has that impacted the way you deal with conflict today?
9. Scott said it’s important for a couple to go through conflict and talk about it long before they get married. Agree or disagree?
10. What are some of the practical discussions a couple should have before they decide to get married?
11. Scott said that in this stage of a relationship it’s important to reveal who you really are, to talk about your past and reveal the “b-side” of your album. Why is that important? What sort of things need to be discussed?
12. What does it mean that you are looking for someone who gives you the grace to *be* and the space to *become*?
13. Scott said it’s very normal for your sexual desire to try to outpace every other connection you’ve made at this stage in a relationship? Have you found that to be true?
14. Does having sex before marriage stunt the growth of a relationship on other levels?
15. How do we see this couple dealing with the growing sexual desire between them?

Challenge:

1. (If you are currently in a dating relationship or are married) Do words like, “Regard, Respect, Romance and Restraint” describe your relationship? If not what does?
2. (If you are not in a relationship) What do you want your next dating relationship to be marked by?

