

That Thing Called Love #3
Values

Word

Scripture Reference

Song of Solomon 2:8–3:5

Discussion Questions

1. How do you measure love? What values do you associate with love? Do you agree that many people today have exchanged what is really valuable and have placed more importance on the cheap, superficial aspects of love? Can you give an example of how this is so.
2. In Song of Solomon 2:8–3:5, we can find 5 things we should value in this thing called love that is essential to biblical love. The first is that love is patient. What does it mean to be patient in love? Why should love be characterized by patience and why is patience essential in a love relationship?
3. The second essential aspect of biblical love is that love is protective and caring. What does it mean to protect and care for someone? What “foxes” (issues which destroy one’s relationship with another) can you identify in your relationship with your partner/friend? Why is it important to talk about plans, desires, future, roles, and other issues in your relationship?
4. The third essential aspect of biblical love is that love is forgiving. Why do you think is forgiveness necessary in a love relationship? To what extent can you forgive someone? How does your commitment to each other affect your ability to forgive? How can having conflicts in a relationship be healthy?
5. The fourth essential aspect of biblical love is that love is sacrifice. What are you willing to give up or do for someone you love? How far are you willing to go? Are you willing to die for someone you love?

6. The fifth essential aspect of biblical love is that love is God-honoring. When you look at your relationship now, would you consider the relationship honoring to God? In what way? And how did you measure it? How can you honor God in your relationships today?
7. When you consider the five essential aspects of biblical love, which among the five do you need to improve on in your life? Share with the group how you think you can improve on that particular aspect.

Walk

These five essential values of biblical love are perfect reminders to our culture today which has exchanged these values and have focused more on the superficial aspects of love. As a follower of Christ, are you upholding these five values in your relationships? Take time to reflect and look back at the heavenly Father’s love, through which we find the deepest expression of what love truly is. Only when we understand His love can we truly understand this thing called love.

Worship & Prayer

Pray for...

- For Christians to apply godly values in every aspect of their relationships.
- Successful Cebu missions trip. For the concerts to bless and uplift the people.
- For the local Christian churches in Cebu to have good impact in the community.
- Blessings for the ongoing EV2 evangelism training to be fruitful.
- Wisdom and guidance for the ongoing preparations for the college camp, Shanghai missions and RELAX retreat.
- Healing for L. Chua, Rosa Siy, SET, IB, John Paul.
- Peace for Bea not to be scared anymore.