

## ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further*** ***International Bible Lessons***

### **Song of Solomon 6:4-12**

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

### **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. The Book of Proverbs celebrates and promotes wisdom and living wisely according to the will God. Why do you think the Bible includes the Song of Solomon?**

The Song of Solomon celebrates the beauty and value of human love, of love between a man and a woman according to Biblical standards. If the Bible did not include the Song of Solomon, people might not understand the

purposes of God when He created men and women with their desires and their rightful expression and fulfillment within the bond of marriage. People might think that the Christian faith and the laws of God had very little relationship to the expression of human love and married life.

**2. What are some benefits that men and women might expect from one another in marriage that might be compared to great cities; such as Tirzah and Jerusalem?**

The worship of God with those who love God too.  
Protection, respite from isolation or loneliness, provision of food, clothing, shelter.

**3. What are some experiences of a shepherd that the shepherd used when describing his beloved?**

He saw goats descending down a hill that he compared to her hair. He saw white sheep after they have been washed that he compared to her teeth.

**4. Read Song of Songs 6:8-9 again. When you compare the Christian faith to all the religions of the world, how do you rank Christianity? Give a reason for your answer.**

The Christian faith ranks above all, because the Christian faith is the revealed will of God through His only begotten Son, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

**5. Read Song of Songs 6:11. How much attention do you give to Jesus each day? Give a reason for your answer.**

This involves a personal answer that you may want to ask your students to think about rather than answer aloud in class. You might mention that Jesus is so wonderful as our Lord and Savior that He is worthy to receive our utmost attention and prayerfulness the first thing in the morning, throughout the day, in the evening, and before we sleep at night.

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