Lifegroup Study (PM) – 29th July 2018

**Taste and See**

**INTRODUCTION**

Song of Songs is a love poem in which we can see a picture of Christ’s love for the church. We are invited to both understand and experience union with him…to taste and see that he is good.

**KEY SCRIPTURES**

# Song of Songs 2:3-6  (NIV)

**3**Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest  
    is my beloved among the young men.  
I delight to sit in his shade,  
    and his fruit is sweet to my taste.  
**4**Let him lead me to the banquet hall,  
    and let his banner over me be love.  
**5**Strengthen me with raisins,  
    refresh me with apples,  
    for I am faint with love.  
**6**His left arm is under my head,  
    and his right arm embraces me.

**KEY POINTS**

* Jesus has united us to himself through his life, death, resurrection and ascension.
* We need to understand that this union has already taken place, and so there is nothing we need to do to make it happen. There is no separation, distance, or delay in our relationship.
* Because union with Christ is already a reality, there is an open invitation for us to freely experience and engage with him in an intimate way.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. If you were at the morning service, what impacted you most from the baptisms and testimonies?
2. If you heard the sermon, was there anything God spoke to you about personally from this message?
3. Within these passages, what insights into God’s character do you find?
4. What does this passage teach us about God's purposes for His people?
5. How does knowing that we are already united with Jesus challenge and change the way you engage with him?
6. In what ways have you experienced intimacy with Jesus? What things have been most helpful for you in opening up your senses to become aware of how close he is?
7. **James 1:22** says “*Don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves*.” Is there anything that God is asking you to stop, start or continue in this passage? What is the next step you need to take in response to God’s word?

**PRAYER POINTS**

* Accepting the invitation to freely experience and engage with Jesus in an intimate way.

**UPCOMING**

**SoulTour:** 4-5th Aug, 10am-9pm Sat, 1-4pm Sunday. **LAST WEEK FOR REGISTRATIONS.** Open to all ages. Discover more about your core needs, inner healing, restoration and tools for life.

**GROWTH TRACK**: Starting 5 Aug, 12-1pm (FREE). **LAST WEEK FOR REGISTRATIONS.** A new 4-week course for all who want to grow in spiritual maturity, learn about our church's vision and strategy, upskill in knowing your personality type and spiritual gifts, and learn how to make disciples and grow in Christ.