

## IMPACT GROUPS

**Week #9:** June 4 - June 7, 2019

**"The Jesus Trip"**

**Sermon Date:** June 1/2, 2019

**Link to sermon:**

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/livestreamarchives/>



**Link to weekly reading guide:**

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/the-jesus-trip/>

**Ice Breaker: In rapid fire style, finish these sentences:**

1. " I have never..."
2. "The thing that makes me laugh is..."
3. "When I think of prunes..."

**Scripture References:**

**Luke 11:31**

*"...Now Someone greater than Solomon is here..."*

**Song of Songs 1:5-6**

*"I am dark but beautiful, O women of Jerusalem—dark as the tents of Kedar, dark as the curtains of Solomon's tents. Don't stare at me because I am dark— the sun has darkened my skin."*

**Song of Songs 1:12-13**

*"We will make for you earrings of gold and beads of silver."*

**Song of Songs 1:12-13**

*"My lover is like a sachet of myrrh lying between my breasts. He is like a bouquet of sweet henna blossoms from the vineyards of En-gedi."*

**Song of Songs 8:6-7**

*"Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, its jealousy as enduring as the grave. Love flashes like fire, the brightest kind of flame. Many waters cannot quench love, nor can rivers drown it. If a man tried to buy love with all his wealth, his offer would be utterly scorned."*

## Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever written a love letter or poem? Are these even cool anymore? Do you have a favourite love song?
2. In the first chapter we see that the Young Woman is clearly attracted, but feels like she is too "dark" to be seen (S of S. 1:5-6). Have you ever felt as though you were too dark, unlovable, or unworthy? How did God and His people help you to see otherwise?
3. The Young Woman's brothers erect obstacles to her own value and relationships. Who or what attempts to keep us from the love and goodness of God?
4. The Young Woman asks "where are you leading your flock" and the reply is basically "follow those who follow me" (S. of S. 1:7-8). Where can people find Jesus today? Where can people find the One who helps them overcome the obstacles to experiencing the goodness of God and draws out their created value and beauty?
5. Read S. of S. 1:11. Why is it important to see that the Young Man takes the initiative to make earrings of gold and beads of silver? What do these represent? What initiative has Jesus taken in our lives to draw out value and beauty and to bestow love?
6. Read S. of S. 1:12-13. How do you see Jesus, the cross, and the atonement in verses 12-13? Remember the word "*kopher*?"
7. Jesus says you are "like a lily among the thistles" (S. of S. 2:2). What do thorns represent and why is this such an encouraging verse for us?
8. Read S. of S. 8:6-7. God's love is : (i). INVINCIBLE (ii). PRESERVING (iii). TRANSFORMING (iv). CONQUERING (v). PRICELESS. Find these traits in these verses and then describe how and why God's love is each of these things for you.
9. What is the overall message in the Song of Solomon and why is it so important?

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