

The Development of Intimacy

Song of Solomon chapters 5, 6

1. The Intimacy Between Lover and Beloved (4:16 – 6:13)

- What's going on in this section? What are the levels of intimacy? What is the “garden” metaphor about?
 - Sexual intimacy
 - Emotional intimacy
 - Conversational intimacy – expression of feelings
- There is a general enjoyment of each other

2. The Intimacy Between Christ and the Church

- Intimacy with Christ is developed within the assembly (Matt. 18:20, Luke 24:8)
- Intimacy with Christ transforms the inward state of the believer (Luke 24:32)
- Intimacy with Christ is evident to observers (Acts 4:13)
- Intimacy between Christ and his people is what the Lord desires (Rev. 3:20)