

**Song of Songs 3:6-11**

*Small Group Questions*

1. Have you ever or do you currently believe the soul mate myth? Explain.
2. Whether you are married or not, identify at least 2-3 pieces of "baggage" you know for sure you would be bringing into a relationship.
3. If you are married, at what point in your marriage did you realize that your spouse had more baggage than you thought? At what point did you realize you yourself had more baggage than you thought?
4. If you are newly married, do you believe you are willing to honestly listen to your spouse's concerns about expectations? Even if you are not newly married, are you willing to honestly listen to your spouse's concerns about expectations? Why or why not?
5. Pastor Eric talked about the hard work of communication in relationships. Has it been your experience that this is true or not? Explain.
6. In what ways have you taken your baggage to the foot of the cross and asked Jesus to help you deal with it?
7. Is it helpful to understand that marriage is a commitment before God to another person, baggage and all, not to your personal dreams and desires? How will that play out in your marriage or future marriage?
8. Take time as a small group to pray for each other's baggage and how it affects relationships.