

# XXXIX

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

### Leader Conversation Guide – XXXIX: Song of Solomon

#### Main Idea

Love is one of the most powerful forces in the world—yet also one of the most misunderstood. The book of Song of Solomon gives us a rare and beautiful glimpse into the kind of love God desires for His people: a love that is passionate, pure, and persevering. This isn't just a poetic story of romance; it's a reflection of the covenant love God has for us and the kind of love He invites us to build in our relationships.

This week's message reminded us that love isn't sustained by feelings—it's strengthened by commitment. Real love is permanent, persevering, protective, and peaceful. It's a daily choice to stay faithful, to serve one another, and to reflect God's heart in the way we love. Just as Christ's love for us is unshakable and everlasting, we're called to love with that same steadfast devotion.

As we begin our discussion, let's remember: being loved by God gives us the capacity to love others well. May this time together deepen our understanding of what it means to build a "love for a lifetime"—a love that endures, forgives, protects, and points others to Jesus.

**Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame."**  
SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6

#### Make it Practical:

##### Love is Permanent

- True love is built on commitment, not convenience. It endures through every season because it's sealed by covenant.
- Song of Solomon 8:6–7

##### Love is Persevering

- Great relationships don't just happen—they're cultivated through grace, forgiveness, and choosing each other daily.
- Colossians 3:14

##### Love is Protective and Peaceful

- God's design for love includes safety, honor, and peace. When we love like He loves, our relationships become a place of rest and contentment.
- John 4:19; Song of Solomon 8:10

## Talk About It

Song of Solomon paints a picture of love that is strong, pure, and lasting. Why do you think lasting love requires more than emotion or attraction? What does it look like to build your relationships on commitment instead of feelings?

We learned that “love is a choice we make every day.” How have you seen this truth play out in your relationships—whether in marriage, friendship, or family? What helps you stay consistent in choosing love even when it’s difficult?

1 John 4:19 says, “We love because He first loved us.” How does understanding God’s love for you shape the way you love others? In what ways can receiving His love help you grow in patience, grace, and peace toward others?

**Love isn’t just a feeling to be experienced—it’s a daily decision to be lived out. Real love lasts because it’s rooted in commitment, strengthened by perseverance, and modeled after God’s unchanging love for us.**

## Prayer

Father, thank You for showing us what true love looks like through Your Son, Jesus. Help us to love others with that same faithfulness and grace—to choose love daily, even when it’s not easy. Strengthen our relationships with patience, forgiveness, and peace. May our love reflect Your heart and bring honor to You in every season. In Jesus’ name, amen.

## Next Steps

Choose love daily. Make a conscious decision each day to love others through your words, actions, and attitude—especially when it’s difficult.

Strengthen your commitment. Identify one relationship where you can show greater faithfulness or perseverance, and take a practical step to invest in it this week.

Receive God’s love first. Spend time in prayer or Scripture each day reflecting on how deeply God loves you, allowing His love to fill and fuel the way you love others.