LIFE TOGETHER NOTES

SERMON SERIES: THE PURSUIT OF LOVE –
"EROS – ROMANTIC LOVE"

Week of September 21, 2026

Context:
The third Greek word for love in our sermon series is "eros". The ancient Greeks also used this word to describe "passionate", "romantic", and "physical" love.

In the ancient Greek culture *eros* (derived from the Greek god of sexual desire) was heavily linked to promiscuity, lust, and pagan worship. Because of this cultural baggage, New Testament writers avoided using the actual word. (pursueGod.org)

Our modern word "erotic" was derived from the Greek word "eros". Yet, its meaning primarily refers to the expressions of love between a man and a woman and expressed in the context of marriage. The Song of Solomon is the ultimate biblical portrayal and celebration of "eros" love. It treats romantic and sensual passion as a natural, holy gift between a man and his wife.

Icebreaker:

1. Who was your very first "celebrity" or "real-life crush"?

2. Do you believe in love at first sight, or does passion grow slowly?

Have someone read: Song of Solomon 1:2-4 and Song of Solomon 7:6-9

Digging Deeper:

1. What do you think God is trying to teach us about the relationship between a wife and husband in these passages? Or is there a different message?

2. How does the story in the *Song of Solomon* differ from the way love and sex are portrayed in the world? How does it show that sex is a gift to be enjoyed in the context and intimacy of marriage?

3. Some commentators use an allegorical interpretation of this book. I.e. It is a story of God's love for His bride the church. Do you buy that?

Application for Daily Life:

1. Do you think the church does a good enough job of teaching how sex and physical intimacy is a gift to be enjoyed in the context of marriage between and a man and woman? Why or why not?

2. How can we teach these truths to a younger generation which has been heavily influenced by society's view of sexuality and marriage?

Close your time in prayer, praying for each other's requests!