Love, Marriage and Human Sexuality: An Exposition of Song of Songs and a Review of the PCA Study Report on Human Sexuality September 9, 2020 Pastor Jake Bennett

Worksheet #3: Song of Songs Chapter – For what do we long?

I. Longing for a Person

Do we long for a person or an experience?

- A. Romantic feelings are fulfilled in a relationship, not an experience.
- B. Longing for the right attitude.
- C. Resolved conflict produces intimacy we are known, but are we accepted? Do we resist conflict because we are afraid of a part of us being known?
- II. Shame and Beauty
 - A. Acknowledging my blemishes
 What are the areas of myself that I don't like? Are those areas self-originated or
 caused by something else, like a painful past?
 - B. Confidence in the Lord's love
 - C. The uniqueness of a marriage relationship Do you acknowledge that you are desirable?
- III. The Great Pursuer!
 - A. Not frivolous encouragement...
 - B. Love affirmed and Shared
 - C. What affirmations about your closest relationship can you share to them?

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Who is God in this passage?
- 2) How does this passage affirm or confront our view of our own masculinity or femininity?
- 3) Do we see Christ as our pursuer?