

Teaching Tips

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Bible Study Guide 16

Words You Should Know

A. Undefined (Song of Solomon 6:9) *tam* (Heb.)—Perfect, complete, simple, innocent, gentle.

B. Soul (v. 12) *nefesh* (Heb.)—Vitality, being, will, desire.

Teacher Preparation

A. Pray for your students making particular note of various ages and life stages of your class if applicable.

B. Study the entire book of the Song of Solomon, noting the movement of the text as the speaker changes and create an outline noting who is the speaker.

C. Read through In Depth and More Light on the Text to help formulate the direction of the lesson.

O—Open the Lesson

A. Start with prayer and make sure you understand the relationship diversity of your class (i.e., married, single, divorced, widowed, young, seasoned). Pray for any special needs as you approach today's lesson.

B. Have students share their thoughts about the In Focus story and what they hope to get out of today's lesson based on the Aim for Change.

P—Present the Scriptures

A. Ask for volunteers to read the Focal Verses.

B. Ask volunteers to read The People, Places, and Times; Background; and In Depth sections.

E—Explore the Meaning

A. Answer questions from the Search the Scriptures and Discuss the Meaning sections.

B. Read the Liberating Lesson section.

N—Next Steps for Application

A. Read the Application for Activation section and discuss with the class how to apply it to their lives.

B. Summarize and close in prayer thanking God for blessing us all with internal and external beauty