

KEY SCRIPTURE

Song of Songs 2:10-15
Proverbs 24:30-34
John 15:1-4

SERMON POINTS

- 1) STAY VIGILANT
- 2) FIGHT APATHY
- 3) ENCOURAGE GROWTH

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- This week, we talked about vineyards and gardens. Do you like to do yard work, flower beds, or gardening?

START THINKING. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- As you reflect on Sunday's message, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?

START SHARING. Choose a question to create openness.

- *Read Song of Songs 2:15*
- What "little foxes" do you find try and ruin your marriage?
- What are some things you do to be vigilant against these "little foxes"?

- *Read Proverbs 24:30-34*
- The writer talks about the sluggard or apathetic person who allows thorns and the walls to fall down in the vineyard. What can apathy look like in a marriage?
- How do you fight against apathy?

- *Read John 15:1-4*
- Pruning is healthy for a plant & it encourages growth.
- What are some positive things you do to encourage growth in your marriage?
- What are some things that need to be pruned?

START PRAYING. Be bold and pray with power.

- If you are married, pray with and for your spouse. If you are not married, pray that marriages will be strengthened in our church and community.

START DOING. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- If you are married, encourage your spouse this week.
- Encourage someone in your life towards spiritual growth.