

A Better Way: Single Life

1 Corinthians 7:7-9,25-40

Life Group Questions – May 13, 2018



Connect

If you knew He'd give you an answer, what's one of the questions you'd like to ask God?

Study

1. Paul's answering questions the Corinthians have about living the Christian life. It's clear in chapter 7 their church is made up of married and unmarried people, just like ours. What's Jesus' vision for how we treat each other? What grade would you give our church for how the married & unmarried are honoring each other? Explain.
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-40.** Paul is being asked if it's okay to marry. Evidently, there were some teachers in Corinth forbidding marriage. In your own words, what healthy counsel does he give to the unmarried?
3. In the notes, Jeff listed 5 ways people can be single. Name a single person in our church whom you appreciate and share what you appreciate about them.
4. What 3 things does Paul say a single person needs to consider when deciding to marry or stay single? Why do married people also need to consider these things?
5. What two potential advantages does Paul give for remaining single?
6. What challenges do single people face that married people may not? And what challenges do married people face that single people may not?
7. What "good news" does Paul give? Imagine and describe what our church family looks like if all of us live out this good news more and more.
8. Without treating anyone as a project, brainstorm specific ways you as a group can include and build up those who are single in our church. Agree to do one this week.
9. After listening to the message, what does God want you to know? Explain.

Pray

Take time to praise Jesus for making us a new community of married and unmarried people who are learning to honor one another. Ask Him to help you grow in sensitivity to those who have a different marital status than yours. Ask Him to bring someone "across the ticker of your mind" this week, whom you can include or build up in some way.