

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of April 10-16, 2022

“BECOMING THE SINGLE GOD WANTS YOU TO BE”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What is something you've never done that you've always wanted to do?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read 1 Corinthians 7:6-9,25-38.

1. How would you describe singleness and marriage through the eyes of our culture?
2. Twice Paul states that he wishes everyone would remain single, and he calls singleness a “gift.” What does this mean? How is singleness a gift? For those who are single, do you consider your singleness to be a gift or a curse?
3. What lies are singles tempted to believe? How does one balance the desire to be married with living presently as singles?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 7:35; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:15-16. The great temptation for the singles is to live not for the mission but for the self. What are some distractions in your life causing you to fall away from pursuing Christ in your singlehood? In your married life?
5. *“It is better to be single, remain single and die single than to marry the wrong person.”* With an honest answer, what are your thoughts about this statement? What are some pressures that culture, even the church, presses upon singles today? Do you believe single people are missing out on love as what others say?
6. *“Don't waste your God-given opportunities. Instead, leverage your singleness to be as productive as you possibly can.”* What are some ways you can use your time of singleness for Jesus? What are some ways you can use your married life for Jesus?
7. (For singles.) What do healthy “boundaries” look like to a single person? Does being content mean you relinquish your desire to marry? If a single struggles with

resentment, regret, jealousy, or wishing for a different lot in life, how does one combat these temptations? What habits do you cultivate to stay spiritually, emotionally, and physically healthy?

8. NEXT STEPS

Our relationship with Christ is more precious and more permanent than any other relationship we will ever have.

- I will honor Christ in my singleness and/or in my married life.
- I will develop habits of knowing Christ deeply and living for his glory.
- I will answer to the call of God to be who he has called me to be.
- (For the Singles) I will appreciate singleness as a proper life, celebrate it as a productive life, and demonstrate singleness as a pure life.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that we will grow to love Jesus and his mission whether in singleness or in married life.
- Pray for the singles that you know to be the person God wants them to be.
- Pray for stronger marriage for the beloved Christian couples close to you.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

April 11	1 Corinthians 7:7-8.
April 12	1 Corinthians 7:25-38
April 13	Psalms 18:25-32
April 14	Galatians 5:1-6
April 15	Philippians 4:11-13
April 16	James 1:5-8
April 17	Ecclesiastes 3:11-22