

before you leave...



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BEFORE YOU LEAVE: YOUR SINGLENESS

PROBLEMS WITH A "THIS DOESN'T APPLY TO ME" MINDSET

1. YOU NEVER KNOW

JAMES 4:13-17

2. IT'S WISE TO LEARN

PROVERBS 12:15

3. WE SHOULD CARE FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14 & 27

LET'S TALK ABOUT SINGLENESS

TWO SKEWED VIEWS

1. SINGLENESS IS OVER-_____
2. SINGLENESS IS UNDER-_____

GOD'S VIEW OF SINGLENESS

- MARRIAGE IS NOT GUARANTEED FOR EVERY CHRIST-FOLLOWER.
- MARRIAGE IS A GOOD GIFT FROM GOD.
- SINGLENESS IS A GOOD GIFT FROM GOD.
- EVERY ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR GOD

1 CORINTHIANS 7:7, MATTHEW 19:11-12

GOD ASKS A HIGH SEXUAL ETHIC OF ALL OF HIS FOLLOWERS.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18, MATTHEW 5:28, MATTHEW 19:12

FOR THE CHRIST-FOLLOWER, OUR RELATIONSHIP STATUS IS AN IMPORTANT PART ABOUT US, BUT NOT OUR PRIMARY IDENTITY.

GALATIANS 2:20

"If marriage shows us the shape of the gospel, singleness shows us its sufficiency."

Sam Allberry, 7 Myths of Singleness

PSALM 56:8 (NLT)

THE QUESTION TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU LEAVE

WILL THIS RELATIONSHIP BRING MORE GLORY TO GOD, OR WILL IT HINDER ME FROM BETTER PURSUING HIM?

JOHN 6:47-48

TWO ETERNAL INVESTMENTS YOU CAN MAKE THIS WEEK

1. INVEST IN CHRISTIAN _____.

"Romantic singleness does not equal loneliness"

- Eric Holmstrom

2. INVEST IN _____ OTHERS.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-34

THE GIFTS GOD GIVES YOU IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP STATUS ARE ALWAYS MEANT TO SERVE AND LOVE OTHERS.

EPHESIANS 2:18-19

Fill in the blanks: Celebrated, Appreciated, Community, Serving

The following questions are provided for your personal reflection and application and for you to discuss with your family, friends, and Life Group. If you are missing any Study Guides, they are available at the Connect Center or online with the sermon archives each week.

OPEN UP

Where is your favorite place to spend time with God?

READ THIS

John 15:1-9

ASK THIS

How are we to remain in Jesus? Why? How do you practice this?

How would you describe your “branch” on Jesus’ vine? Green and leafy? Dry and sparse?

When do you find it difficult to develop and maintain a personal relationship with Jesus?

READ THIS

Acts 2:42-47

ASK THIS

What is a “living sacrifice”? What makes offering our bodies as living sacrifices an act of worship?

How does understanding God’s love reduce our selfishness and conceit?

What gifts do you have? How are you using your gift to serve others?

DO THIS

Regardless of your marital status, all believers are invited, and even called, to a personal, robust, and intimate relationship with Jesus. This week, consider what steps you can take to continue investing in your relationship with Jesus: whether reading your Bible daily, starting your day with prayer, journaling, or choosing worship music on your commute to work. Choose one habit you’d like to make part of your daily routine, and implement it this week.