

# en·gage

to involve oneself or become occupied; participate: *engage in conversation*

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"HONEST TALK ABOUT MARRIAGE AND THE SINGLE LIFE" PART 4 OF 4



**SERMON TITLE:** "Singles"

**MAIN POINT/PASSAGE**

- ▶ God wants to use you exactly where you are right now.
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 7:8-9, 25-35

**SERIES REVIEW**

- ▶ What have you learned or identified with the most during this series?
- ▶ What is one thing that will stick with you from this series?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- ▶ Do you, or someone you know, struggle when God's truth speaks directly against your current lifestyle? How do you reconcile?
- ▶ Pastor Stu read 2 Timothy 4:3 and told us if we were to look in a mirror and ask, "Am I someone who is making that prophesy come true?" How would you answer that question?
- ▶ As a single person (or when you were single), do you feel pressured by the church to get married?
- ▶ Along with the sexual purity component, what other aspects make the single life difficult?
- ▶ Is it easy or difficult to live the single life? Explain.

**DIGGING DEEPER** (Questions in this section are from the Serendipity Bible for Groups)

- ▶ Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-35
- ▶ What does Paul mean by suggesting how to live in view of the "present crisis"? (The "crisis" was unclear. It might mean persecution against Christians, as in Acts 18, or the expected second coming of Christ.)
- ▶ How does his advice to the married in this context (v.29) relate to his teaching in Eph. 5:21-32?
- ▶ Verses 36-40 suggest that singleness is an option they ought to consider. What reasons does he give for that? (vv. 28b, 32-34)? Are they legit?
- ▶ Whether people marry or not, what is the overriding issue?

**APPLICATION**

- ▶ Have you ever, or are you currently looking, for opportunities to get out of your present job, relationship, or other circumstances?
- ▶ How might God be able to use you if you stay in your current situation?
- ▶ What are areas that must change in your life so that God can use you?
- ▶ What is one thing the Life Group can pray for in your life right now?

## Personal Prayers

1. Start your small group time off with prayer.
2. Ask for personal prayer request. In other words, have group members share request about them, not friends or family members.
3. Do the same for praises.

## Impact List

Have 2-3 people share about people from their impact list.

1. What is the next step in their friendship with that person?
2. How can your small group pray for them?

## Close to God

1. Have 2-3 people share what is happening in their "Close to God" time.
2. How have they grown closer to God?
3. How can your small group pray for them?



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