

**Life Together Group Questions**  
**February 26, 2017**  
**1 Corinthians 7:25-40**

1. What has been your experience in how the Church treats single adults? Is there something you would like to see change in this area?
2. Paul is very clear that his recommendation for remaining single is not a command from the Lord, but his own opinion or preference. (vss. 1, 7-8, 25-28, 40) In believing this is God's Word, how does one discern whether God is using this passage to call them to singleness or not? What do we know about Paul's personality that might help us?
3. What are some romantic ideas this world puts forth about marriage that are perhaps less than true?
4. Read Matt. 22:30. How does the fact that marriage does not last into eternity impact your thinking about marriage and singleness?
5. In vss. 29-31 Paul denotes "the time is short", "this world is passing away." How should we live in light of Christ's imminent return and eternity? How does that affect whether one should remain single or not? How might that affect how we live married or single?
6. What are you doing to make an eternal investment w/ eternal values? Is there something else you would like to be doing? If so, what is keeping you from doing it?
7. As you read through vss. 32-35 what are the challenges that married people face in their devotion to Christ? What are some of the advantages a single person has in pursuing devotion to Christ? What are some challenges that single people face today in their devotion to Christ?
8. Pastor Nathan talked about having a devotion to Christ that values Him above all else. (see Ps. 16:2; 73:25; Phil. 3:8; Rev.2:4) How do we nurture that love and devotion for Christ, single or married?
9. In reading vs.7 and then the scenarios in vss. 36-38 Paul paints a picture that lifelong singleness is a gift, a calling from God. How does one determine if he or she has that gift/calling? (see Matt. 19:9-13)
10. Even if you don't believe that you have the gift of life long singleness in celibacy, if you are single, that is your calling at present. How does the idea of Holy Sexuality help in seeking to submit your sexuality to Christ? (see 1 Cor, 6:13, 20; Rom. 12:1)
11. How does this passage and study help you Pursue God, Prepare People and or Proclaim Christ?
12. What is one question that did not get asked that you would like to ask?

**SERMON OUTLINE:**

1. A Personal Perspective 1 Cor.7:1,7-8,25-28, 40
2. An Eternal Perspective 1 Cor.7:29-31
3. A Practical Perspective 1 Cor.7:32-35
- 4.A Gifting Perspective 1 Cor.7:7, 36-38