Week 4:

The Gift of Singleness



Questions

- 1. What illustration, story, or example stood out to you this week?
- 2. If you are single, share how this message spoke to you.
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 7:7. How have God's gifts helped you either in your singleness or in your relationships?
- 4. Sometimes God is trying to spare you from something when He doesn't bring you something. When has this proven true in your life?
- 5. Read 1 Corinthians 7:35. What would it take for you to serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible?
- 6. We have a responsibility to invest as much in those who are single, divorced, widowed, or widowered as we do those with spouses and children. Who is someone in this category you know, and how can you invest in them?
- 7. What one practical step do you plan to implement from this week's message?

Scripture References

Read 1 Corinthians 7:7, 24-28, 32-5; Romans 12:4-5, 13

Takeaways

- Singleness is a gift from God.
- Opportunities Unique to Single People:
 - Freedom from the challenges of marriage. Sometimes God is trying to spare you from something when He doesn't bring you something!
 - Able to give undivided interest to God's work.
- The gift of singleness is a gift to the church and the Kingdom of God!
- We've got a responsibility to invest as much in those who are single, divorced, widowed, or widowered as we do those with spouses and children.
- Nine prayers for those who are single:
 - Not my will, but yours, be done.
 - Reveal as much of yourself to me as possible while I'm still single.
 - o Satisfy me so fully now that I never look to anyone else to make me happy.
 - Tell the world about yourself through my joy and freedom in singleness.
 - Give me faith to trust you even when I walk through pain and disappointment alone.
 - Send me the people I need to follow you.
 - o Protect me from making work my god while I wait for marriage.
 - Keep me from conforming to the world around me, and make me more like Jesus.



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 If you have called me to marry, help me to date differently.



