

BIG IDEA

If you are just not "enough" as a single person, getting married will never make you enough.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

What relationship phase are you currently in?

In your opinion, what is the view on sex, dating and singleness in American culture?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-4 and 7-9. What principles about singleness and marriage can you identify in this passage?

Paul highlights the importance of mutual submission and fidelity in a hypersexualized culture. He also recognizes the legitimacy of singleness as a gift.

Read 1 Corinthians 7:32-34. In your opinion, does Christian culture in America honor singleness in the same way it honors marriage? In the same way that Paul honors singleness? How might this impact single Christians?

As Cal shared this week, the church in America has been known to elevate marriage and family over the gift of singleness. This leads single people to feel isolated and "abnormal," even though the Bible clearly teaches that singleness is to be celebrated.

Why is the historical context of Corinth important to understanding Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 7?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

What are some of the challenges that come along with singleness? What are some of the benefits of singleness?

You can refer to 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 to help your LG build this list.

Read 2 Peter 1:3. How does this verse relate to this week's big idea?

Why is it important to understand that finding the "right person" is a myth?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

What have your relationship experiences taught you about the importance of developing your own character?





How can you apply the principles we learned this weekend to your own life, whether you are single, dating, or married?

No matter what phase of life we find ourselves in, it is important that we recognize God's grace for us in that season and make the most of it. Additionally, it is good to be reminded that our worth doesn't come from being in a relationship with someone else—whether we are married or not. Once we find our worth and value in God alone, we are free to relate to him and others in healthy ways.

Recall 2 Peter 1:3. What kind of "not enough" thinking would you like to surrender to God this week?