



Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Our Relationships– 1 Corinthians 7:6-11, 25-35 – January 8, 2023

Additional Resources:

Building Successful Relationships – Michael & Laura Fletcher – <https://bit.ly/3Qgt7O9>

Healing Relationships – Robby Angle – <https://bit.ly/3ZbQnRt>

Real Relationships – Les and Leslie Parrott – <https://bit.ly/3GiB5BN>

The goal of this time is to have quality connections and time together. Allow God to speak to you through His written Word. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW:

- Have you made any New Year's resolutions? What are they? How are they going?
- What was the highlight of the holidays? How was this Christmas unique or special?
- How would you describe singleness through the eyes of our culture?
- How are you hoping to grow in your relationship with Jesus in 2023? What practices, resources, and disciplines are you using?
- How are we as a D-Group wanting to grow over the next few months together? Are there relational things we can be more intentional about? Serving together? Any studies we want to do together?



GROW:

- Read 1 Corinthians 7:6-8. Twice Paul states that he wishes everyone would remain single, and he calls singleness a “gift.” What does this mean? How is singleness a gift? For those who are single, do you consider your singleness to be a gift or a curse? Have you made an idol out of marriage?
- What does Paul mean when he says married people are divided or filled with anxieties about the world?
- What reason does Paul give in verse 29 for the advice he has just given? How does that reason work for those of us who are married today in 2015?
- Why does Paul say that the unmarried state is preferable to the married state? See 1 Corinthians 7:32-35.
- How does viewing singleness as a display of the gospel—our ultimate identity in Christ and identification with the Church—change the way you value singleness?
- What does it mean to delight in singleness? How can singleness be an advantage over marriage in many contexts?
- Consider Isaiah 54:1 and 56:4-5, and Matthew 19:10-12. Using these verses, describe God’s design for singleness.



SHOW:

- If you’re single, what are some things you wish that married couples in the church knew about being single in the 21st century? What are some steps the church can take to grow in being brothers and sisters in Christ?
- If you’re married, what are some ways you were able to serve the Lord as a single? What are some unique ways you can serve the Lord as a married couple?
- How are you pursuing gratitude in your heart for where God has you whether single or married? What specific things are you thankful for?