



WEEK 1

CONTENT:

How does the world view life as a single person?

How about in the church how do people usually think or feel about being single?

Read 1 Cor 7:32-35

Do Paul's words surprise you? Why or why not?

What does Paul mean when he says, "I would like you to be free from concern?"

What concerns does a married man or woman have that a single man or woman does not?

For those who are married, how much time and energy do you put into your relationship each week? For those who are single how much time and energy do you think you will need to put into your marriage in order to ensure it continues to be healthy and grow?

Paul essentially is saying if you are single you are able to leverage your time to serve the Lord. What are some ways that serving the Lord becomes more difficult once you are married?

Read Matt 19:10-12

According to Jesus in this passage who are the ones who are to accept the word that it is better to not get married?

LEADERS NOTE: Only those to whom it has been given, a lifetime of singleness is a spiritual gift given by God

How do you know if you have the gift of singleness?

LEADERS NOTE: We discover our spiritual gifts in part by seeing what we are good at and passionate about. If you have a desire to get married and have a family that's good evidence that you don't have the gift.

Read 1 Cor 7:7

When Paul says, "I wish that all of you were as I am..." What does he mean?

LEADERS NOTE: Paul was single at this point in his life and could devote all his energy to advancing the gospel and he wanted all of them to be able to have that kind of freedom.

What other Biblical characters can you think of that were single and did great things for the Lord?

APPLICATION:

How will you leverage your singleness this week for the kingdom of God?