



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 | SEX, SINGLENES AND MARRIAGE

WARM-UP QUESTION

If you could have a dinner party with any two people, one married and one single (real or fictional), who would you invite and why? Do you think they'd get along?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-16

- What key themes or phrases stand out to you in this passage?
- How does Paul's perspective on marriage and singleness differ from what we see in our present culture? Where do you see this play out in your life and the lives of those around you?
- In verses 3-5, Paul talks about mutual authority in marriage. How does this reflect the idea of sacrificial love and partnership?
- Why does Paul regard singleness as a gift? How does this challenge or encourage your view of your own relational status?
- If you are single, what do you need from your group to challenge or encourage you in this season? What is not helpful?
- Paul says it's good to not have sexual relations but also recommends marriage to avoid immorality. Why do you think he offers this solution?
- If you're married, how do you practice mutual respect and sacrificial love in your relationship? Where might you need to grow?
- How can you approach your marriage if your spouse isn't a follower of Jesus? What does it look like to have respect for your spouse the way Jesus calls you to?
- If you're single, how does Paul's teaching encourage you to embrace this season fully?
- How does Paul's teaching impact your views on relationships and personal growth?
- How can we, as a church community, better support individuals at different stages of relationships?
- What could it look like for our Group to better support each other in our different seasons of relationships?
- How is God calling you to honor Him in your current relational situation?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

- What key themes or phrases stand out to you in this passage?



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- What does Paul mean when he advises believers to “remain in the situation they were in when God called them” (vv. 17-20)? How does this advice speak to contentment and God’s purpose for us?
- How do Paul’s thoughts on remaining in our current situation tie into his broader message about identity and freedom in Christ?
- How does Paul’s message challenge or confirm modern views on personal success and status?
- Are there areas in your life where you struggle with contentment or feel pressured to change your situation? How can you apply Paul’s advice to “remain in your situation”? How can you pursue growth and change while staying faithful and content in your current season?
- How can we better support both married and single individuals in their unique callings and challenges?
- How can we provide better encouragement and support to those struggling with contentment in their current situations?
- What steps can you take to ensure everyone feels valued and supported, no matter their marital status or life situation?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He’s prompting you to do this week.