



STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

If you are single, what is the most difficult part of being single? What is the most rewarding?

If you are married, what is the most difficult part of being married? What is the most rewarding?

Share a time when you said something to a single person or to a married couple that you immediately regretted?

[digging deeper]

Last Sunday we talked about singleness, how Christianity is the only view of life where singleness and marriage are equal. Was that something you had heard before? Was it challenging to your preconceived ideas?

Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2 and Titus 2:1-8. Though these passages are primarily in the context of married people, what are some practical ways married people can encourage singles? And singles can encourage married people?

Thinking back to the story of the Woman at the Well in John 4 and the Woman Caught in Adultery in John 8, how did Jesus – as a single man – relate to vulnerable women? What principles can be applied today regarding biblical singleness?

Read Psalm 130:5-6 and Psalm 27:13-14. Sometimes God has us wait for something that we want in order to fix our hopes on Him. How do you see that play out when talking about waiting for a spouse, job, child, etc.? How should we wait on God?

[living it out]

If you are single, is there something you have been meaning to do for God's kingdom but just haven't done it yet? What will it take for you to make that step?

For a married person, is there a single person that you could help support as they go on mission or serve in other contexts?

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