



DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ

Isaiah 56:3-5
1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. Did anything stand out to you about this week's sermon? Was there anything that surprised you, or that was new to you?
2. How did people in the Old Covenant view singleness? How do you think this has affected how we view singleness in the church today? Do you see being single as something that is a burden or a gift?
3. Read Isaiah 56:3-5 again. How did Isaiah challenge the existing view of eunuchs (and thereby all single people)? How is this continued and confirmed by the New Testament writers, and Jesus Himself?
4. In the application section of this Sunday's sermon, we were challenged to think about how we talk about marriage with our children and other young people. How can you encourage people who are single to live for the Lord, and prioritize their service to Him?
5. For those of you who are not married, has your perspective on singleness and marriage been challenged by this week's sermon? What does it look like for you to give your "undivided devotion" (v. 35) to the Lord?
6. If you are married, what is 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 saying to you? Are there any ways in which you have over-emphasized your marriage? How does a ministry-focused marriage (such as we spoke of last week) ease some of the tensions which this passage introduces?