



WEEK TEN | CONCERNING MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE (PT. 2)

In week two of this topic, marriage, divorce, and singleness, a theme is emerging. I won't state it here but let's see if we land in the same place. Many groups may not meet this week because of the Not-So-Scary Halloween Party. For the few that gather and discuss this week's sermon or come back to it later, be careful not to miss the forest for the trees.

What kind of social gathering would you like to see your group do, especially if you haven't done one or haven't done one in a while?

TALK ABOUT IT

What is a topic you or our culture deal with today that you wish Jesus had addressed?

How do you determine what God wants you to do in these situations?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:32-35.

Paul is a big fan of being single. It works well for him considering his vocation as a traveling preacher/apostle. Honestly, the details he unpacks in this section of the letter is frustrating and a bit confusing. You almost feel like he thinks you are weak and not as spiritually faithful if you choose to marry. He never even mentions marrying for love. It seems like it all comes down to sex drive.

Why do our Christian and secular cultures push marriage so hard?

What are the benefits of being single in a Christian context?

APPLY IT

How can being married or single increase your devotion to God?

There are many good reasons to marry or remain single. What this passage is lacking in bringing love into the conversation, Paul makes up for it in calling for full devotion to God in whatever circumstance you find yourself.

How is making the commitment to be married for life no matter what realistic or unrealistic?

What should our lifelong devotion to God teach us about marriage?

What should our lifelong devotion to God teach us about being single?

P R A Y

Start now and make this time an indispensable part of your group time. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.