

<u>Guidelines</u>: sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. You may or may not get through all questions during your small group time.

Sermon Discussion: 1 Corinthians 7

1. Read and review the **main points** of the sermon.

Both Singleness and Marriage...

- a. ...are Good
- b. ...Portray the Gospel and our Ultimate Relationship with our Bridegroom Jesus
- c. ...Should learn from Each Other, Love Each Other and Serve God together in the same family forever
- d. ... Share the same Ultimate Purpose the Glory of God
- 2. Reflect and Ruminate on areas that resonated with you:
 - a. How have you historically viewed being single in your own life or when you see others who are currently single?
 - b. For those of you who are single, what has your experience at GFC been like for you? What are some of the challenges you are facing right now as it relates to being single?
 - c. For those of you who are married, what are some of the challenges you are facing now as it relates to your marriage?



"The Place Where Singleness is Esteemed and Reclaimed" Pastor Brad Bigney April 2, 2017

3. Renew Thoughts & Replace Actions:

- a. Pastor Brad read an except of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, "Life Together." He warned of being too focused on community and being too focused on isolation.
 - i. Which one of those extremes have you been tempted to go
 - ii. How has God changed your thinking as a result?
 - iii. Is there anything you need to change in your thinking and actions this week as a result?

4. Request:

a. How can we encourage and pray for you with regards to what you shared?

5. Remember the Gospel:

a. Whether we're single or married, we have the same purpose. Second Corinthians 11:2 teaches that we are to have a "single-hearted devotion to Christ" who is our bridegroom. Every believer is in a relationship with Jesus (Isaiah 53:10).

Prayer Emphasis:

➤ <u>Praise & Prayer</u>: Pray for each person to have "single-hearted" devotion to the Lord each day this week.