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UPCOMING EVENTS:

AREAS TO SERVE

Help us make Sundays the best they can be!

We have our new "Opportunities to Serve" wall where you can see our immediate needs! Check it out, and help by giving your time!

Odd-Job Call List

We also are in need of a team of people to be "on call" for some grunt work around Element. It could be stacking/resetting chairs, cleaning up after an event, painting, or helping move some bark around the property (plus other things).

We are working on compiling a list to call/email as projects come up. If you would like to be on that list, let us know... it doesn't mean you have to say, "yes" every time.

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SINGLENES

Today's Verses:

Ecclesiastes 3:1
Proverbs 5:15-19
Genesis 2:18
Matthew 19:4
Hebrews 13:4
1 Timothy 4:1-3

Ephesians 5:33
1 Corinthians 7:10-11
Matthew 19:12
Genesis 2:24
James 2:19
Proverbs 4:7

Proverbs 24:27
Proverbs 4:20-23
Proverbs 6:6-11
Hebrews 4:15

SINGLENES

We are doing a series on wisdom and how to bring about a culture of hope, love and grace based out of the wisdom literature in the bible, mostly Proverbs. The Scriptures speak about God's people ushering in a culture that is counter to the one we live in today. Today's culture tends to be shallow, reactive, and centered upon our own wants and desires. We, as a people, will never live in wisdom if we aren't willing to bow to God's wisdom in our lives.

Today we talk about the societal issue of being single. How does our culture deal with loneliness or singleness? By teaching us that everything in our lives is about our own wants and desires, there is no servanthood involved. Singleness has increased in our society, yet almost no one wants to be alone.

The Scriptures teach that even when the world was as close to perfection as it could be, it still wasn't good that the man God created was alone. Instead of preaching judgment about some of the decisions people make while single, we need to preach the truth of Jesus and wisdom as found in the Scriptures. Marriage is the normative call God places upon His people, but that in no way is meant to imply that someone isn't normal if they aren't married.

What do you do when you are single and waiting?

1. Open your eyes and look around to what God is potentially doing.
2. Don't idolize any relationship, worship Jesus.
3. Seek wisdom and understanding from the Scriptures.
4. Get your life in order while waiting to invite others into it.
5. Guard your heart.
6. Do life with God.
7. Be careful not to be lazy or foolish (as we have talked about in other weeks in Proverbs).

Introduction

Jesus was God in human flesh and as such He was the perfect human being, yet He was single. His lack of sexual activity in no way reduced his humanity. Jesus enjoyed friendships with single and married men and women and committed His life to the Father's glory.

Discussion

What is some of the best dating advice you have ever received?

What is some of the worst dating advice you have ever received?

Explanation

If you are single, what do you envision married life to be like?

If you are married, when you were single, what did you think it would be like?

What are the differences?

If you could go back and give yourself some advice, what would it be?

Application – Read Proverbs 24:27 & 4:23

How have you, or are you, building a good foundation for a marriage one day (or the marriage you are in now)?

What things have you already built into your life that need to be torn down in order to be able to build a life with someone else?

How have you guarded your heart and, conversely, not guarded your heart in the past?

Have you ever idolized a relationship and not Jesus? How?

Mission

How can we live, whether single or married, in way that reinforces hope for others in singleness?

How are you being an encouragement to those around you who are single?

What words of grace and truth have you shared with single people?

Discussion Key

Red – Easy level, not much intimacy, Blue – Intended to dig a bit deeper

Black – Designed to create deeper conversation