Big Idea: Singleness gives the freedom of undistracted devotion to Christ.

• How have you viewed singleness and marriage?

1) I will view my situation as a gift because marriage and singleness are both good. (v. 6-9)

Both Marriage and Singleness are a gift.

• How do you struggle believing your situation is a gift?

Both Marriage and Singleness are good.

• How does scripture show that singleness is good?

Both marriage and singleness display the gospel.

• How are you encouraged by the ways marriage and singleness display the gospel?

What is one way you can value the goodness of Singleness? Get to know singles as people, not as marriage projects. Seek to understand the unique struggles singles face. Speak into their lives more than you speak about their singleness. Don't assume singles have endless amounts of free time. Include them in your family time.

2. I will pursue contentment by having an eternal perspective. (v. 26-31)

- How are you tempted to be discontent in your situation?
- How does having an eternal perspective change your outlook?

Singles: What lies have you believed about marriage? (Any others not listed?) Marriage will fix all my problems. Marriage is easier than singleness. Marriage will bring me happiness.

3) I have the benefit of undistracted devotion. (v. 32-35)

• How are you maximizing your situation for the advancement of God's Kingdom?

I will worship God and enjoy Him.

• How can you grow in your worship and enjoyment of God?

I will serve the bride of Christ.

• How specifically is God calling you to serve the Bride of Christ?

I will give myself to the mission.

• How specifically is God challenging you to spend yourself for the sake of Christ?

SPEND TIME IN PRAYER FOR THE SINGLES IN YOUR GROUP AND IN OUR CHURCH.

Additional Scripture

- Proverbs 18:22
- Genesis 1:27-28
- Isaiah 53:10
- Matthew 19:10-12
- Matthew 22:30