

Messy; Marriage & Singleness

WEEK OF January 27, 2019

1 Corinthians 7:17-40

CONNECT

1. What impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message?

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2. Read 1 Corinthians 7:17-24. Paul teaches that Christians should "remain in the condition" God called them to. What is Paul saying to believers, and why would this be an important "rule" he instituted in all the churches? What different examples did Paul give in making this point?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-31. What was Paul's encouragement to singles and those who are married?
4. Do you know anyone who has chosen to remain single, and if so, what is their reasoning for doing so? How can it be advantageous and challenging to be single when it comes to serving the Lord in ministry?

- 5. Why was Paul motivated by a sense of urgency, and what do you think he had in mind when he mentioned that “the time is short”? What do the specific things Paul mentioned in 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 have in common?**

- 6. Read 1 Corinthians 7:32-40. In your own words, what is Paul’s main point in these verses? Whether people marry or not, what is the overriding issue here?**

- 7. Do you agree with his comparisons between marriage and singleness? Why or why not? Which of his statements is most surprising to you?**

- 8. Do you resonate with the specific anxieties or concerns Paul mentioned in connection with your stage of life? If not, what are your chief concerns as a married or single adult?**

- 9. What are the biggest threats to a married person’s devotion to and focus on God? What are the biggest threats to a single person’s devotion to and focus on God?**

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10. How do we ensure that we put God first in marriages? What does this look like (if you are married) practically in your marriage?

11. How “divided” is your devotion to the Lord in your current season of life? What are the main things that are distracting you?

12. What are some specific ways we can encourage and help each other set God as a priority during this season of life?

13. Do you live with Paul’s sense of urgency for Jesus’ return? Why or why not? If not, what would change if you lived each day as if Jesus was coming back, and how would that impact the way you would share your faith?