

notes from small group

prayer requests

# SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on  
**Sunday, October 13, 2019**

## **MARRIAGE: THE GOSPEL ON DISPLAY**

How Do Singles Display the Gospel?

*1 Corinthians 7:25-35*

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday?
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## personal study questions

*Read: 1 Corinthians 7:25-35*

**ASK: PREPARE** — Will I listen to God?

**LOOK: OBSERVE** — What has God said?

With what authority does Paul speak on the matter at hand (25)?

What advice does Paul express in light of what he called the 'present distress' (26)?

In regards to marital status, what freedom does Paul permit, and what caution does he give (27, 28)?

What is Paul's overall point (29a); what examples does he use (29b-31a) and what reason does he give (31b)?

What does Paul want for his readers (32a)?

How does Paul contrast the married against the unmarried (33, 34), and why does Paul do this (35)?

**THINK: INTERPRET** — What does God mean?

What does Paul mean by 'betrothed' (25a)?

In what sense does Paul have no command from the Lord, but then gives his own judgment; with what weight of authority are we to regard these instructions from Paul (25b)?

What does Paul mean by "present distress" (26)?

What does Paul mean by 'worldly troubles' (28) and 'anxieties' (32)?

What does it mean for those "who have wives live as though they had none", and what does it not mean (29)?

Is it possible to be married and yet maintain an "undivided devotion" to the Lord (35)?

**DO: APPLY** — What does God want?

What kinds of anxieties and earthly concerns tend to draw your attention away from an undivided devotion to Christ?

How can you grow in 'single-mindedness' in your love for Jesus?

How are you tempted to be sinfully discontent with your own relational status (single, married, separated, divorced, widowed, etc)?

What might be some ways that God can uniquely use your current relational status for his glory?

What blind spots might you have in understanding the needs and challenges of those of other relational statuses in the church? How might God use you in his church family to help them in their walk with Christ?