



## Week #2 Singleness

**NOTE TO LEADERS:** This message could feel very direct for groups of singles but could feel disconnected for married groups. Take some time to think through how can we help married couples groups talk about this topic without feeling disconnected from their present reality?

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### Sermon Points: Genesis 2:18-24, 1 Cor 7:7-9

Based on Genesis 2, we are-

Created for relationship

Created for relationship at the expense of yourself

Our culture would say that our personal advancement gives us value

God's design would say that His image in us gives us value

Genesis 1:27, 9:5-6, James 3:7-9

There are only 2 things in our world that are eternal.

The Word of God and people.

Singles are also

Created for relationship - 1 Cor 7:6-7, 8

Created for relationship at the expense of yourself - 1 Cor 7:9

**Group Opener:** How did your family celebrate Mother's Day?

### Discussion Questions:

1. Talk about your season of singleness, was it a time you were able to focus on your relationship with God and serve him?
2. Read a scripture and discuss 1 Cor 7:8-9,17  
<sup>8</sup>To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. <sup>9</sup>But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.  
<sup>17</sup>Only let each person lead the life<sup>[a]</sup> that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.
3. Tell us about the person who in their singleness made a positive impact in your life?
4. We've heard twice now that part of God's design is that we are created for relationship at the expense of ourselves. In what ways is it good, or wise, or healthy for a man or a woman to invest their life in others?
5. We read that Paul thinks it can be a very good thing for a Christian to not marry someone. He shifts the calling to invest your life in a mate into investing your life into others in a church. What fulfillment can come from a single person investing in others?