

## Supplemental Scriptures

Mark 3:31-34 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 12:18-25 Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children. The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven."

1 Corinthians 7:7-9 I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. Now to the unmarried[a] and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do. But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

1 Corinthians 7:29-34 What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—and his interests are divided.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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### The Ultimate Marriage: Mark 3:31-35, 12:18-25, 1 Cor. 7:7-30

Assumption: Marriage is the ideal state, and \_\_\_\_\_ is inferior or incomplete.

Correction: In heaven there will be no \_\_\_\_\_ or biological family because you are woven into God's forever family.

Main Idea: Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_: marriage and singleness are gifts.

Myth #1: Marriage "\_\_\_\_\_ you".

- Singleness and marriage are temporary \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
- Singleness and marriage both require divine \_\_\_\_\_.

Truth #1: Happiness and fulfillment come from \_\_\_\_\_ not your marital status.

Myth #2: You need the "\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_" to be happy.

- You will always marry the \_\_\_\_\_ person.
- Marriage doesn't create problems it only \_\_\_\_\_ them.

Truth #2: You need to focus on \_\_\_\_\_ the "right person".

You are being \_\_\_\_\_ for your ultimate marriage with Christ.

Prepare by cultivating your character: (1 Cor. 13:4-7)

- Put others first. Be patient and kind.
- Fight narcissism. Don't make everything about you!
- Honor others. Don't use others for your personal gain.
- Forgive. Don't keep score.
- Keep trying. Never give up when others fall short.

## Life Group Ice Breaker

1. As a kid what was the ultimate toy/game that you had to have?

## Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to understand?
3. What are the common cultural views regarding marriage and singleness? How does the culture portray marital status in general? How does the church treat married and single people?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 7:7 and Proverbs 18:22. Why do you think the Bible says that both marriage and singleness are gifts from God and temporary? How does that make you feel?

5. Ron said, “You always marry the wrong person. (Because you’re both sinners and human.)” Do you agree or disagree? Why? How do you see “the right person myth” impacting the relationship of people around you?

6. “There are no marriage problems, only people problems that get revealed in marriage.” What does this mean to you?

## Application Questions & Prayer

7. God is preparing you for the ultimate marriage with Him. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Which of these qualities are most difficult for you to exhibit? Which do you value most in a partner? Which one do you want to improve in?
8. What’s one area you would like prayer for as you navigate your stage of life? (married, single, dating, widowed, etc.)