

When you reflect on times of singleness in your life (past or present) how did/do you use them? What did/do you fill them with? How did/does God use them in your life? How did/do they impact your devotion to Him?

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Read Philippians 4:10-14. When have you lacked contentment in your life because of the pull of certain desires? Why did/do those desires hinder your contentment before the Lord? What would it look like for your desires and contentment to coexist? What would need to change in your heart for that to happen?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

If you're single, how are you receiving the gift of singleness right now, and how can you use it to grow in Christ? If you're married, are you encouraging or discouraging singles in your life in their gift? What can you do to better partner with them for the Lord?

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## SEEKING HIM IN SINGLENES

September 17, 2023

1 Corinthians 7, Matthew 19:12, Philippians 4:10-14

**DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_.**

I. Singleness and \_\_\_\_\_ . – Various Scriptures

*Singleness and marriage are not competing rivals, but  
\_\_\_\_\_ from God.*

II. Singleness and \_\_\_\_\_ . – Mt. 19:11-12, 1 Cor. 7:32-35

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## SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

### Advantages of Singleness:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

*Singleness in any season is a gift to help us \_\_\_\_\_ our devotion to God.*

III. Singleness and \_\_\_\_\_. – Phil. 4:10-14

*Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ by consuming desire for marriage,  
be \_\_\_\_\_ by a consuming desire for Jesus.*

### 1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Genesis 2:18, Proverbs 18:22, Ephesians 5:22-32, 1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 38. In what ways are marriage and singleness each a gift from God? Why do they sometimes not feel like a gift? In what ways have you seen or experienced these two states be in tension in the Church?

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### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Read Matthew 19:11-12 and 1 Corinthians 7:32-38. What are Jesus and Paul's main points about singleness in these passages? Why does Paul say that those who refrain from marriage will do even better? When have you experienced the advantages of singleness for God's glory (either as a single person or in relationship with a single person)?

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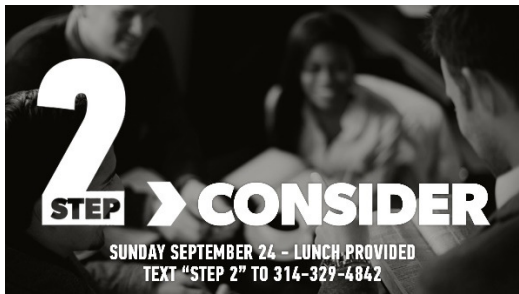


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 Last Week: \$12,978  
 This Month: \$22,412  
 Last Month: \$42,909  
 Monthly Budget: \$37,673



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