



Complete these question **BEFORE** your Growth Group meets and then use your answers in discussion.

## 1 Corinthians 7.17-40

### Sex & singleness

#### TO PONDER:

What words do you think of when you think of "singleness"?

What would you estimate is the attitude towards singleness among Christians you know?

This issues raised in this passage are important and sensitive. Be gracious and considerate with one another as you wrestle with them together.

#### **Read 1 Corinthians 7:17-24**

What verse would you choose to summarise the basic point the apostle is making in these verses? Why?

How does v21b complement this point?

How do these verses critique the wisdom of our world that defines the value of a person by their role / status etc.?

How do these verses challenge/comfort your view of your worth / purpose/identity?

#### **Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-39**

In these verses the apostle applies the lesson of vv17-24 to marriage & singleness.

What do we learn in these verse about marriage & singleness?

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The teaching of these verses can be hard to receive. What reasons does the apostle give for us to trust him?

How do these verses challenge *your* views on singleness & marriage?

How might the teaching of these verses impact our church family?

How should the "singleness" of Jesus impact on our thinking around these topics?

Jane Tooher, a Christian woman writes<sup>1</sup>:- *"A Christian man came up to me one day and assumed I was married, and when he found out I wasn't, he said 'What went wrong?'"* What is your response?

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*What lessons have you learned from this passage?*

*What questions do you have from this passage?*

\* Pray about the issues God's Spirit has raised in his Word in this passage.

<sup>1</sup><https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/singleness-personal-testimony/>