

1. Growing up did you feel pressure to get married? Is there a pressure or expectation for people to get married in today's society?

2. Read **1 Corinthians 7:33-34**. What are some things in marriage that “divides” a person's attention from the Lord? If you are married, how have you experienced this?

3. In what ways is it better for a person to be single to serve the Lord? In what ways married?

4. How does what Paul write in **Ephesians 5:22-33** compare to or compliment what he's talking about in this passage with the Corinthians?

5. What things can we, as a church, and you as an individual, do to help make both married and singles feel equally valued and known?

6. In **1 Corinthians 7:36-37** Paul mentions the need for self-control of desires. What can you do to better control your desires? (Consider what feeds your desires.)

7. If a single Christian asks if he/she should try to get married, how would you answer them? Is there anything in this passage that would inform your answer?