

SERMON NOTES

Date: April 6, 2018

Series: Messy Church

Title: Reasons for Remaining Single

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Big Idea: Singleness isn't often seen as a plus, but in some circumstances, it can be the best option for securing a undivided devotion to the Lord.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-40. Describe the big idea of this text in your own words? _____

Why might singleness sometimes be viewed as a burden, not a blessing? _____

Paul calls singleness a “better” (v. 38) and “happier” way (v. 40). How can Paul elevate the blessings of singleness without belittling the blessings of marriage? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What perspective can help you serve God effectively whether you are married or not (v. 29-31)? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

What unique pressures of life are you facing right now, and how is God providing for you either through your marriage or through your singleness (v. 26, 28)? _____

How should the fact that “time is short” (v. 29) affect your priorities and actions right now? _____

What kinds of things in life try to pull at your heart and divide your devotion to the Lord (v. 35)? How can you guard against those things and remain fully devoted to him? _____

If you’re married, how can you encourage and support the single person? If you’re single, how can you encourage and support the married person? _____
