

it's complicated!

Singleness

Week 4 Member Guide

sermon recap: what did the text mean? what does it mean?

In 1 Corinthians 7, we learned that being single is an opportunity rather than a burden!

- How did the message change your view of singleness?
- How is God calling you to respond to what you learned in the message?

warm up

Ask for three volunteers to do this activity (one couple if possible and one individual). Have the couple tie their legs together with a rope or belt (three-legged race style). Have both the couple and individual line up together somewhere near the group huddle. When you say go, both will race to the kitchen to get a cup of water and then come sit back down in their seats.

- How does this exercise illustrate the advantage that singles have in accomplishing their given mission?
- How do you currently view your own singleness? Or if married, how did you treat singleness before you were married?

the text: what does it mean for me?

Americans are getting married later and later. The average age of first marriage in the United States is 27 for women and 29 for men, up from 23 for women and 26 for men in 1990 and 20 and 22 (!) in 1960.

- Why is this trend increasing? How does our culture encourage singles to use the years that they are single?
- If you were to come up with an advertising slogan to stay single according to a secular (non-Christian) worldview, what would it be?

