



One is a Whole Number - Sunday, September 9th

SCRIPTURE:

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Luke 8:1-3

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

Luke 20:34-35

Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage.

Sermon Quotes:

"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world."

- C.S. Lewis

Sermon Points:

Thoughts on Singleness from John Ortberg

- 1. We were created by God as relational beings.*
- 2. I will not wait until I get married for my life to start.*
- 3. Jesus is our model.*
- 4. I will commit myself to sexual purity.*
- 5. Will my desire for intimacy ever be fully satisfied?*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who was your first crush and how old were you when you had it?

2. If you are single (if you are married, then think back to what it was like being single), then what is the best advice you've been given about singleness and relationships?
 3. When you hear that Jesus is our model as it relates to singleness, how does that make you feel? (Good, overwhelmed, hopeless, etc.)
 4. When you hear that Jesus associated himself with people of scandal and brokenness in regards to sexual purity and offered them forgiveness, freedom and new life, how does that make you feel?
 5. How does knowing Jesus was tempted in EVERY way that we are help you when you face temptation? (See Hebrews 2:18)
 6. If your identity and worth came entirely from your relationship with Jesus Christ, then how do you think it would affect every other relationship in your life?
 7. What is one thing God spoke to your heart today? What is God calling you to do in response to what you heard?
- Action Steps: Daily pray the following – Jesus, today, I choose to find my identity and worth in you alone. Free me to live and love today out of my true identity in you. Amen
 - If you need help figuring out your “next steps,” including finding a counselor or a Small Group connection, then email connect@covechurch.com.