



GOD'S DESIGN FOR SINGleness

GENESIS 1:28

SERMON NOTES

Singleness is _____ Humanity (Mark 12:19-25)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1) Do you agree that marriage is often presented as the ultimate tribe? How does Jesus' singleness confront that incorrect belief?
- 2) Why do you think it is so important for the church to re-establish the dignity and value of remaining single?

Singleness is a _____. (Matthew 19:19-25)

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- 3) Why do both Jesus and Paul refer to singleness (and marriage) as a gift? How should it change our perspective on remaining single if we understand that it is a gift from God?
- 4) Why is it so challenging for us to accept the gift of singleness?

Singleness is intended for _____

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 5) Singleness does not mean being alone; in fact, God says it is not good for man to be alone. How is this aloneness (and resulting loneliness) supposed to be taken care of in the community of the church? Why is it often difficult for single people to find that type of community?
- 6) Consider the implications of the fact that Jesus was alone and lonely so that we'd never have to be alone and lonely again. How was Jesus left alone? When do you think Jesus was lonely? In terms of the pain that Jesus endured on the cross, where would you say that being alone and lonely ranked?

Singleness is to be used in the context of the _____.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 7) Too often we have seen the cultural mandate as something directed at married people, but it was given to humanity as a whole. What are some ways that single people can be "fruitful and multiply"? What are ways that all of us can exercise our dominion?