

June 3rd 2018: This is Us Too

Opening

- What is the worst dating advice you've ever been given?
- What about the most awkward date you've ever been on?

Discussion

- Read <u>1 Corinthians 7:7-8.</u> Paul says singleness is a gift from God. How have you seen this be true either in your own life or in the lives of those around you?
- What are some of the promises of God? What are some things we have grown accustom to believing we should have but are not promised (for example: a four-bedroom house or children)?
- What does society say about being single? How does the Bible refute or support these things?
- How can we trust God enough to want his best for us rather than our best for us?
- How can we affirm unmarried people just as they are?
- Read 1 Corinthians 7:9 and 1 Corinthians 7:36. How does the goal of pursuing purity and not just "avoiding sex" change us?
- Read 1 Corinthians 7:28, 37-40. Eric said "marriage won't make you happy." What are your thoughts on this? How have you seen this come true?
- Do you know any married people who aren't happy?
- What are some of the things you find yourself believing you'll be happy when you get? How can those things quickly become idols?
- C.S. Lewis says, "Idols always break the hearts of the worshippers." What does this mean and how have you seen this come true?
- Read 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. How does being single give you an advantage to prioritize the Kingdom of God?

Application

- How can we practically love the singles in our lives and in our church better? How can we include them?
- How can we practically break the cycle of "I'll be happy when..." this week?