



July 30th, 2017: COACH KNOWS BEST

Ground rules for this conversation:

1. This conversation is not meant to be a time to complain about your significant other or the lack thereof. If you are dating/married, pursue self-reflection rather than thinking about your significant other when answering these questions.
2. There are questions below directed towards men and women specifically. If your group consists of men and women, you may want to separate by gender and discuss. Just remember rule #1!

OPENING

- Where do you tend to look for dating/marriage advice?
- What is the most ridiculous fight you've ever had with a significant other?

DISCUSS & APPLY

Read 1 Corinthians 7:32-34

- The Bible says that it is neither being single or being married is better. How do these verses help us understand the benefits of being single?
- What are some opportunities that a single person has to serve God that would be more challenging for someone who's married? What are some opportunities a married person has to serve God that would be more challenging for someone who's single?

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7

- Eric emphasized that "submitting to your husband" does not mean to be abused, bossed around, taken advantage of, or not having an opinion. Rather, it means joyfully receiving leadership from your husband. In light of this definition, what similarities are there between how a wife should live and how Jesus lived?
 - Wives, what are some ways that acting this way could positively impact your family? If you are single, is there a way that God might be asking you to joyfully receive his leadership in your life?
- What are some differences between inner beauty and outer beauty? Why should we be more concerned with their inner beauty? How do our actions indicate which one we are more concerned with?
- Men, how can being prideful, i.e. thinking too much of yourself, lead you to be inconsiderate of your significant other? What are some ways you could be more considerate of the people in your life?



C COMMUNITY Groups

- Who is someone close to you that you have taken for granted recently? How can you show your appreciation for them in the next week?
- If you are a woman, what makes you feel treasured by a significant other? If you are a man, what makes you feel respected by a significant other?
- Peter emphasizes that being the leader of the family doesn't make the husband better or more important than his wife. In what ways does Peter envision husbands and wives mutually serving one another?

FINAL APPLICATION

Thinking about what Paul says in 1 Corinthians about singleness and what Peter says about marriage (the end of v.7), their point is clear: whether you are single or married, God wants you to use your singleness or marriage to draw closer to him. What is one way you can serve God this week through your singleness or marriage?