

# GROWTH GROUPS

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## REFLECT

1. What relationships do you have with people outside your stage of life?
2. How is this relationship different or more difficult than other relationships?  
How is this relationship important for helping you grow?

## ENCOUNTER

This week's sermon was on the institution of marriage in Genesis 2. Perhaps that leaves groups of people--single, divorced, widowed, children--wondering, "How does this apply to me?" We ought never to think that life stages exempt us from learning about what God's Word says to others. Why? Because to be made in the image of God is to be made for community. To be a part of a church is to be a vital member of the body. So everyone needs to learn about God's design for marriage. Married people need to learn about singleness. Single people need to learn about parenting. Men need to learn about women. Young people need to consider their elders; and elderly need to remember what young people face.

Titus 2 paints the picture of a community shaped by healthy teaching in a whole range of life stages and relationships. Read and discuss Titus 2 together.

3. What life stages and relationships does Paul address in these verses?
4. What admonition does Paul give to each life stage?

5. Different life stages may be prone to different temptations. Look again at the admonition to each stage. Do the admonitions indicate a particular temptation for each stage?

## TRANSFORM

6. Why do married people need the influence of single people and vice versa?
7. Who is someone outside of your stage of life that you can develop a relationship with?
8. How would you summarize this week's sermon for someone who didn't hear it?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*One More Disciple: Who are you praying for to trust Christ?*

*"There never has been a generation whose general view of marriage is high enough. The chasm between the biblical vision of marriage and the common human vision is now, and has always been, gargantuan."*

*~ John Piper, This Momentary Marriage ~*