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## Experiencing God in Marriage and Singleness

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*Small Group Discussion Questions*

### Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.  
Expect God to move through your time together!

### Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

### Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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#### Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

**Take some time to look up and read: Ephesians 5:22**

1. Notice each time the word “Christ” is mentioned. What does Christ model for marriages?

**Take some time to look up and read: 1 Corinthians 7:12**

2. How can spouses experience God without their spouse’s partnership?

**Take some time to look up and read: 1 Corinthians 7:6**

3. What advantages come with singleness?

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#### Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

**Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.**

4. Experiencing God in marriage...
  - ...means joining God’s work IN my spouse.
  - ...means joining God’s work THROUGH my spouse.
  - ...means joining God’s work WITH my spouse.
  - ...means experiencing God TOGETHER.
  - As you think of these phrases, where are you already experiencing God?
  - Where are you anticipating God working in the future?
  - Where are you stuck and needing prayer?
5. Do you and your spouse take time to regularly talk about God’s activity in your family, church, and world? If not, how might you begin to do that?
6. How have you and your spouse determined your giving? How have you purposefully been investing in God’s kingdom as a couple?

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#### Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!  
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