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## Finding the One Making Disciples

**1 Corinthians 7:7-9; 24-35**

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### 1. Finding the One

*35 I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.* **1 Corinthians 7: 35**

Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. **1 Corinthians 8:6**

### 2. Be Content

*I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.* **1 Corinthians 7:7**

Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them... **1 Corinthians 7:9**

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. **Philippians 4:11,12**

### 3. Be Compatible

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#### a) Spiritual compatibility

“The righteous chooses his friends carefully.” **Prov. 12:26**

“Stop forming inappropriate relationships with unbelievers. Can right and wrong be partners? Can light have anything in common with darkness?... Can a believer share life with an unbeliever?” **2 Cor. 6:14-15 (GW)**

“Do not unite yourself with an unbeliever; they are not fit mates for you.” **2 Cor. 6:14**

“I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.” **Rom. 1:12 (NCV)**

#### b) Same life purpose

“Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?” **Amos 3:3 (NLT)**

“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” **Eph. 2:10 (NIV)**

“Each of you has received a gift from God for serving others. Now you must be faithful to develop and use that gracious gift from God!” **1 Peter 4:10 (NCV)**

“Brothers and sisters, you are holy partners in a heavenly CALLING.” **Heb. 3:1a (GW)**

### Life group Questions

- 1) Is Jesus the ONE in your life? What are the main challenges in our life to keeping Jesus number one and what does that look like regarding His bride (the church)?
- 2) We live in a world of discontentment! Everyone wants the next new thing etc. How did Paul learn the secret of being content in any and every situation? Read all of Philippians 4 together.
- 3) It would be good for folks to share what has been the hardest thing in having a non-Christian partner and someone else on the challenges of having a saved partner!! Then pray for unsaved partners of folks we know in church.
- 4) What other relationships have been a struggle for you in regards of compatibility, share any stories of work colleagues, family members or anywhere where compatibility issues have led to potential compromise.
- 5) Is there any relationships in our life we have to re-visit in light of today's study.
- 6) How as a church can we be more inclusive to widows, unmarried (divorced), singles or unsaved partners? Is there anything the LG can do to be more inclusive in our openness and care for the above?