



Part 7 : **Single Like Jesus** February 20, 2022

Today's Passage: Matthew 19:1-12

What do we learn from Jesus about being single?

- a) Jesus was single and perfectly _____
(See Col. 1:19, 2:9)

- b) _____ does not necessarily make life easier
(See 1 Cor. 7:39, 2 Cor. 6:14, Heb. 13:4)

- c) Singleness can be a _____
(See 1 Cor. 7:32-35)

- d) Our true family is greater than our _____
(See Matt. 12:47, Matt. 22:29,30, 1 Tim. 5:1, Rev. 19:6-9)

:: KEY PASSAGE

The disciples said to [Jesus], “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

-Matthew 19:10-12

:: LIFE APPLICATION

- 1) What things have you noticed in our society and the Church that seem to elevate the ideal of marriage over singleness? How has this effected you?

- 2) Whether you are single or married, what did you find affirming and challenging about today's message?

- 3) How can we as a church help to affirm the value of singleness?

- 4) As you consider our eternal state after Jesus returns, what do you imagine life will be like? How does this awareness affect how you view your life and relationships today?

:: FURTHER READING

Holy Sexuality and the Gospel: Sex, Desire and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story.
By Dr. Christopher Yuan (2018)

