

**2024**

**Calls**



**Living Out God's Call in our Close Relationships**

Weekend of February 16, 2013 **SINGLE: COMPLETE IN CHRIST**

### MESSAGE OUTLINE

#### WHY WORRY ABOUT SINGLENES?

- Practical
- Relational
- Spiritual
- Physical

#### **The Disney Dilemma**

Married = Meaningful      Single = Meaningless

#### CONFIDENCE IN OUR SINGLENES

- Marriage is Temporary

**“Jesus replied, “Marriage is for people here on earth. But in the age to come, those worthy of being raised from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage. And they will never die again. In this respect they will be like angels. They are children of God and children of the resurrection.”**

**Luke 20:34-36**

- Christ is Enough (seek first)

#### DOING SINGLE WELL

- PRAY
- PRACTICE PURITY
- PURSUE FRIENDSHIP

3. Jesus' words in Luke 20:34-36 clearly state that marriage and singleness are only concerns for this life and that they are not eternal. How should this affect our view of singleness?

4. How does Jesus' view of marriage and singleness clash with the Disney view where there is a "Prince Charming" for every young girl and everyone lives happily everafter?

5. The idea of the "sufficiency of Christ" is very old and usually refers to his sacrifice for our sins. Why is the idea that "Christ is enough" also important for us to understand and incorporate into our lives with the idea of singleness and marriage?

6. Jesus tells us to seek his kingdom first and trust God to give what we need (Matt 6:33). Why do we get so distracted from doing this? What are some ways that we break this principle? What are some things we can do to live by it better. How does it apply to being single? (or married)?

7. Many men feel pressure to carry on the family name. While the expression "blood is thicker than water" is often repeated in our world, what are some steps we can take to see that Jesus' blood is thicker than our blood? What are some ways we can connect more to Jesus — even more than our family name?

8. Why is prayer such an important part of doing single well? (or married). What lessons about prayer can we learn from Jesus — a single person in the center of God's will.

9. Why do you think purity is so important in the Bible (*cf.*, 1Thess 4:3-8). Why is purity important for doing single well?

10. Single does not equal alone. God created people to have friendships. What are some strategies you have used to build friendships. What are some ways you have found helpful in creating new friendships.

### MESSAGE BASED SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 6:24-34. What are your thoughts as you read this text? What is Jesus teaching? What examples does he use?