

Questions for further discussion and study

- 1 Corinthians 7 deals with both singleness and marriage quite extensively. According to that chapter, what are the "advantages" of singleness? Of marriage? Disadvantages of each? _____

- In what ways are singleness and marriage both "sanctifying" or able to make us more like Christ? In what ways do they differ in developing Christ-like character?

- When you think of marriage in our culture, do you think it is in trouble or thriving? Why? What signs, attitudes, practices and statistics would you use to back up your conclusions? _____

- What changes in our thinking about marriage and singleness do you believe we need to make if we are to come to a Christ-centered, godly, realistic understanding of both? _____

- What does the fact that Jesus and Paul were both single say to you as a married or single person? _____

- What are the false gods that single people may be tempted to hold onto in their singleness? Married people in their marriages? How are those false gods hurting us and others? _____

