

## Jesus, THE BIBLE & SEXUALITY: Singleness and Marriage

Join us as we continue this conversation on Jesus, THE BIBLE and SEXUALITY next Sunday for - Humility and Compassion (and Accountability).

For further reading: *Redeeming Sex* by Deb Hirsch  
Suggested Watching: *God is the Bigger Elvis*  
(Short HBO Documentary on Youtube)

### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stuck out to you most from Sunday's message? Explain.  
(allow unhurried time to go around the group and dialogue around people's answers).
2. How do the current cultural and historical Christian-cultural views of singleness and marriage contradict the biblical view that Pastor Nathan suggested? How have you seen examples of this in and around your life?
3. What aspect of Pastor Nathan's suggested biblical perspective on singleness seemed most foreign or new to you? Explain.
4. What might a church family look like that provides a healthy environment for single people (at any stage or from any orientation)? What do we need to do at St. Albert Alliance to grow to be more healthy in this way?
5. What aspect of Pastor Nathan's suggested biblical perspective on marriage seemed most foreign or new to you? Explain.
6. Ask Jesus how He is inviting you (as an individual, couple or group) to invest in fostering the kind of agape community that is required for flourishing singleness and marriage to grow.

### PARENT LINK TO STUDENTS

In an effort to engage our students in what Jesus is saying to us on a Sunday morning, we are providing some questions for you as parents to discuss with your teenagers. Bring these up at the dinner table, during a ride in the car or wherever you feel it's best to spark conversation. We pray these questions will help you as parents share with your teen's what apprenticeship with Jesus looks like in the world they live!

1. Where in your context do you see sexual brokenness this week?
2. Where are you noticing that sexual brokenness is normal and acceptable is to you? (Think of something on social media, movie, and music.)
3. How can you practically respond to the sexual brokenness you see this week that reflects the love of Jesus?

## Jesus THE BIBLE & SEXUALITY

## Singleness and Marriage

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We are caught between two clashing views of singleness and marriage, neither of which coincide with the biblical perspective:

1. Our culture's view of marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ and view of singleness is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Our historical North American Christian cultural view of marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ and our view of singleness is \_\_\_\_\_.

### The new covenant established in Jesus has significant implications on both singleness and marriage...

*... each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another.*

1 Corinthians 7:7 NLT

- **SINGLENES** is a calling for \_\_\_\_\_ - it is the invitation to pursue \_\_\_\_\_ with God \_\_\_\_\_.

*Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.*

Colossians 3:1-4 NLT

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*In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.*

Colossians 3:11 NLT

*For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.*

Galatians 3:26-29 NLT

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- **MARRIAGE is a unique \_\_\_\_\_ between a man and woman that \_\_\_\_\_ are called, out of singleness, to enter into.**

*"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.'" And he said, "'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."*

Matthew 19:4-6 NLT

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- **SINGLENESSE, at any stage, requires saying no to \_\_\_\_\_ and other forms of \_\_\_\_\_ engagement (sexual immorality).**

*So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires... You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world... (but) you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.*

Colossians 3:5a, 7, 9-10 NLT

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- **MARRIAGE is the only \_\_\_\_\_ that can withstand the seismic implications of \_\_\_\_\_ and also establishes seismic implications for \_\_\_\_\_ (adultery).**

*Give honour to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.*

Hebrews 13:4 NLT

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- **SINGLENESSE cannot be sustained outside of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.*

Colossians 3:12-15 NLT

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- **MARRIAGE does not supersede or replace one's \_\_\_\_\_ or the need to be in broader \_\_\_\_\_.**

*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 NLT

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