



STUDY GUIDE

September 12, 2021

Message Series:

Relationship Goals

Message Title:

Why Am I Single

Teaching Pastor:

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Warm-up/Icebreaker:

What ridiculous thing has someone tricked you into doing or believing?

Pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for this opportunity to take time to listen and reflect on Your Word together. We ask for Your Spirit to continue to shape us. Help us to sense Your presence and power so that we are not operating in our own strength and plans. May we always remain open to You so that new growth can come. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Get Started:

"So...to the unmarried men and women here, you have an opportunity to have undivided devotion to the Lord that your married friends don't have. Whether this season of singleness lasts your entire life or just a little while, whether it comes when you're young and idealistic or mature and experienced, take advantage of it. Be a single person who is singularly focused on Jesus.

To the married men and women here, devote yourself to Jesus AND to your family. Look for ways that you can still extend hospitality, engage in dangerous conversations, and grow the church. It may not be with the wild abandon of your single friends, but it can still expand the kingdom." -Pastor Angie Frame

Read Colossians 3:23-24.

- Share how you followed Jesus during both single and or relational seasons (where applicable). Did anything change during these seasons regarding your relationship with God? Did it change anything about your goals and/or what you were or are open to in future seasons?

Watch and Discuss Video:

Read Philippians 4:11-13.

- Do you incorporate these principles that Paul spoke of into your life? Give example(s).
- Read the following PCC original lyrics.

Throughout my life, I've been tempted and tried
to find something that quiets my heart
But no matter where I run, I find that the only one
Who quiets this heart is You
Reveal to me what I've known all along

Oh this love, so amazing
I've never known something so sweet
This peace, overtaking
I finally know that I am set free
You satisfy me

With hands that made day and night
the darkness and brightest light
You mended the hole inside me
And with those same hands
You came for sinners and all the saints
Freeing us with holes in Your hands

My heart, it cries --- to You
My mind, it thinks --- only of You
My soul, it longs --- for You
My strength belongs --- only to You

You satisfy me

- What is one area of your life in which you could lean more on God for your contentment? What specific change could you make this week to do that?

Reflect and Commit:

"Paul says right here that every day he carried the responsibility for all the churches. That was his focus--all of the churches that he had started, so that people could come to know Jesus. Paul worried about his churches the way married people worry about their spouses, the way parents worry about their kids. The church communities throughout the ancient Mediterranean world--from present-day Italy and Greece to Turkey and Syria--all had their foundations in Paul.

The sheer volume of what Paul did for Christianity is mind-blowing. No human has expanded the kingdom of God like Paul. He was able to be a prolific writer, restless traveler, passionate preacher, and legacy-building leader, because he was totally focused on Jesus. He had, in his own words, undivided devotion to the Lord...

Whether or not we have a spouse to love, we have Jesus; let's give him our undivided devotion." -Pastor Angie Frame

Read Matthew 22:37-39 and 1 Corinthians 13.

- How do these passages relate?
- Are these lived out by the Church in modern times? In our being familiar with these passages, what do we miss that we ought to slow down and understand better?
- Why was Paul able to accomplish so much in his time? How did love tie into that mission?

Pray:

Dear Lord, please give us a clear revelation to see ourselves the way You see us. Help us to stand in Your truth. Teach us to hear Your voice. Thank You for our uniqueness and that we are made in Your image. You have vision for our future. Help us to live fruitful lives now and to overflow with Your love to others, because that is all that matters. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.