

## God's Grace in Singleness

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**Key Truth:** God delights to give his people promises in Christ that no other human institution can offer.

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The Bible is not about us but about Jesus, the Son of God (see John 5:39 & 46; Luke 24:25 & 44-45; Hebrews 11:26). Whether it is an Old Testament or New Testament passage, it all points to the nature (who he is) and work (what he has done) of Jesus Christ. Therefore, whether we are married or single, the life we live is a picture of our Lord Jesus Christ, and how we live that life displays in whom our happiness lies.

### **DISCUSS**

Read **Hebrews 12:1-2** and **Isaiah 56:3-5** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled "**God's Grace in Singleness.**"

### **DIG IN**

#### 1. **The Shame of Singleness.** (Isaiah 56:3)

**Read Matthew 19:11-12:** In what ways does Jesus use the term "eunuch" to symbolize the condition of being unmarried?

In what ways were eunuchs stigmatized in Isaiah's day? Jesus' day?

In what ways do we often look down on single people in our world?

#### 2. **The Cross of Singleness.** (Isaiah 56:4)

**Read v. 4:** What are the three things God expects of eunuchs who serve him?

How is that a form of cross-bearing (see Luke 9:23-26)?

In what ways might single people bear the cross of singleness today?

#### 3. **The Joy of Singleness.** (Isaiah 56:5)

**Read v. 5:** What does God promise to those who are faithful to him?

Why are these things "better than sons and daughters" (v. 5)?

In what ways might this be a joyful reward for a single person? In what ways might this passage be a stumbling block to a single person?

### **DO**

In what ways will you put what you've learned into practice this week?