TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do. 1 Corinthians 7:7-8 NIV

I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord. 1 Corinthians 7:35 NIV

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form. And you have been made complete in Christ ... Colossians 2:9-10 BSB

... set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12 NIV

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20 NIV

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3 NIV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

• When you were young, what kind of person did you think you would end up marrying?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Think about your relationships. What kinds of people do you seem to attract?
- Read **1 Corinthians 7:35**. Have you ever placed too much importance on your relationship status? What kind of impact did that have on your life?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Our relationships get stronger when we're secure in Christ, strong in character, and planted in community. Which one of these qualities would you like to develop?
- Our purpose in life is to live with undivided devotion to Jesus. What's one way you could focus on Christ this week?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You that our purpose in life is far bigger than marriage. You created us for a relationship with You, the Creator of the universe, who love us and laid down Your life for us. Help us to find ways to embrace that purpose in the coming week. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Find more relationship resources: www.life.church/betterrelationships
- Start the Wisdom for Dating Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/dating
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.