

(1) Talk for a few minutes about how you interact with the unmarried both at Bridgeway and in your broader community. Do you view them differently from the married? Do you treat them differently? Do you ever find yourself thinking that there may be some sort of flaw in them or that because they remain single they are of less value and use in the body of Christ?

(2) In the sermon I said that “no one in Christ is single and no one in heaven is married.” What do you think about that? Does the fact that marriage is temporary and meant only for this life affect the way you view the unmarried? How so?

(3) If there are any unmarried people in your group, ask them to share what is most difficult about life at Bridgeway? Ask them to share what you can do to make them feel more accepted and honored in the body of Christ.

(4) In the message I included about 18 recommendations for how we who are married can relate better to those who are unmarried. Talk about them among yourselves. Are there any of these 18 things that you disagree with? Which of them would you find most difficult to pursue?

(5) I also gave 10 words of encouragement to those who are unmarried. Talk about them and ask yourselves how you might be used of God to awaken the unmarried to their identity in Christ and their value in the kingdom of God.