

Suggested Questions for Doxa Church G2 Groups

1 Corinthians 7:25-40, “To Marry or Not to Marry, That Is the Question,” April 19, 2026, Kevin Stuhlmann

**Main Point: There are spiritual advantages to singleness, but to marry or not marry is a case of Christian freedom, situational wisdom, and proper biblical perspective, the last of which must extend to all of life.*

1. Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-40. What ideas from earlier in chapter 7 are repeated or developed in this passage?
2. One reason Paul gives for advising singleness is found in verse 28: “Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that.” What are some examples of “worldly troubles” that married people might experience that unmarried people might not?
3. From verses 26, 29, and 31, what is a “gospel understanding of time and reality,” as Kevin called it?
4. How should this understanding influence the way we think about the stuff of life? Specifically, how should it influence the way we think about marriage?

5. Verses 29-31 give five examples that follow the pattern, "Let those who X live as though they did not X." What does this look like?

6. From verses 32-35, explain Point II: "Marriage can distract from devotion and service to the Lord."

7. How should single people respond to verses 32-35? How should married people respond?

8. Taking verses 36-38 as in ESV, explain the logic behind Paul's comments here.

9. The advice to widows in verse 39-40 is similar to that given to the betrothed. What is similar and what is different between these two groups?

10. Kevin began the sermon talking about assumptions regarding marriage and singleness. Has this passage changed your perspective, and if so, how?

11. What other comments, questions, or applications do you have from this passage?