

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1 Corinthians 7 - 'Marriage in the Light of Christ' February 27, 2022

1. 1 Corinthians 7 is hardly a romantic walk through a garden of Christmas lights! Were there some aspects of marriage and singleness that surprised you as you walked through the passage?
2. In general, what are the more common struggles that people have in marriages nowadays? What are the things most commonly hurting these relationships in 2022? How is a believer to respond to friends, families, or co-workers who are in the middle of this?

Main Question – what are the key differences between *condemnation* (or disdain) and *speaking truth with grace and love*? How does a person know they are receiving the latter and not the former?

3. What are some creative ways we can nurture health in marriages within the church? What are some of the creative ways we can bless and affirm singles within the church?

(These last two questions may spark ideas you'd like to send to our staff – please do!)

4. The very near and real presence of Christ and His calling on people's lives was so real to Paul as he wrote this chapter. "Calling" sounds like something a pastor or missionary might have, but he does not mean it that way. Discuss the ways in which all believers have a calling from God. How do we know what ours might be?
5. Hospitality to people from all kinds of relationship backgrounds is going to be important in the years ahead. What other scriptures can help guide us in our readiness for this?