

NewSpring Church Groups Guide

Don't Get Married Until . . . You Hear From God — Week 1

It has been said, “Man is incomplete until he marries. After that, he is finished.” Unfortunately, this attitude is not only pervasive in culture; it is prevalent in the church. Many will impatiently rush toward marriage assuming all is lost if single past the age of 22 and once married, talk about marriage as if it were medieval torture.

Hebrews 13:4 says, “Marriage should be honored by all.” For some, that means waiting patiently for God to show you “the one.” For others, honoring marriage is as simple as serving “the one” God has already given you. Whether single or married, our relationships will be better when we are totally focused on Jesus.

- How do you stay focused on Jesus as a single/in your marriage?
- What kind of pressure do you feel when it comes to dating/ marriage?
- Read Philippians 2:1-4. How could this attitude affect a marriage?
- What standards should a person have going into dating? Why is it easy to compromise?
- Have you ever tried to help God out in regard to your relationships? What was the result?
- What are some things that can make a relationship unhealthy? How can we avoid being immersed in an unhealthy relationship?
- How can godly friends help when making decisions about your dating/marriage?

In Matthew 19:4-6 Jesus says, “Haven't you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

Jesus designed marriage. Jesus says that marriage is a big deal. We all should honor marriage.