

SINGLE

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SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2018



PROGRAM

10.00am	Arrival & Registration
10.30am	Session #1 - Truth Telling
11.30am	Session #2 - Myth Busting
12.40pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Elective Session #1 <i>Rethinking Contentment (Auditorium)</i> <i>The Art of Biblical Friendship (Community Centre)</i> <i>Single Minded Service (Upstairs)</i>
2.30pm	Elective Session #2 <i>Singleness & Sexuality (Auditorium)</i> <i>Loving Singles in Word & Deed (Community Centre)</i> <i>Singleness & Same Sex Attraction (Upstairs)</i>
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00pm	Q&A Panel
4.30pm	Single Minded Reflections
5.00pm	Close



SINGLENESS IN THE STORYLINE OF SCRIPTURE

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INTRODUCTION: Why the whole church needs teaching on singleness

#1 JESUS AND MARRIAGE

Matt. 19:3-6, 10-12

- Jesus affirms the inspiration of Genesis 1-2

- Jesus defines marriage according to the sexual difference of men and women



- Jesus shows the only godly alternative to marriage is singleness/ celibacy

#2 MARRIAGE AND THE BIBLE'S STORYLINE

A tale of two marriages

- Gen. 1-2
- God in the OT
- Jesus in the NT
- Paul in 1 Cor. 6:16-17
- Paul in Eph 5:32
- Revelation and the end



What this says about marriage's dignity

What this says about marriage's penultimacy

#3 SINGLENES AND THE BIBLE'S STORYLINE

- Singleness in creation: non-existent

- Singleness in OT: uncommon/undesirable



- Singleness in NT: advantageous for Kingdom ministry
- Singleness in eternity: universal
- How singleness points to the gospel



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4 MYTHS ABOUT SINGLENESS

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INTRODUCTION: Misconceptions that won't go away

#1 SINGLENESS IS BAD FOR YOU

How our culture sees singleness

How Scripture sees singleness

- Jesus

- Paul

What singleness spares us (1 Cor. 7:28)

How singleness frees us (1 Cor. 7:32-35)



#2 SINGLENESSE REQUIRES A SPECIAL CALLING

What is “the gift of singleness” (1 Cor. 7:7)?

Problems with how we often think about this

The gift is the status, not our perceived capacity



#3 SINGLENESS MEANS NO INTIMACY

Culture and intimacy

Bible and intimacy

- Proverbs on friendship
- Jesus on friendship (John 15:15)
- What about a non-sexual romantic friendship?



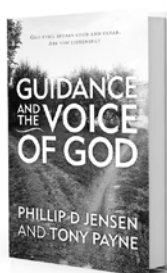
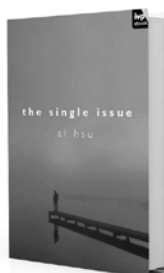
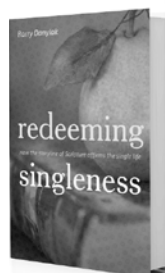
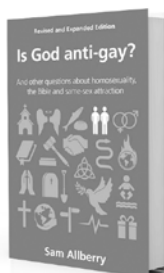
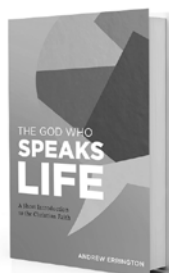
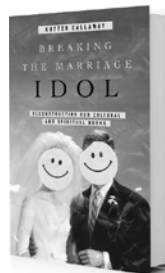
#4 SINGLENES MEANS NO FAMILY

The promise of Jesus (Mark 10:28-30)

The role of the local church (1 Tim. 5:1-2)



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ELECTIVE SESSION #1



ELECTIVE SESSION #2



Q&A NOTES



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