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We Can Support Singles by
Cel·e·brat·ing ...Them as Greater-Than, Not Less-Than

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week (but save your prayer requests for the END of Pr'me)?
[Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
We Can Support Singles by Cel·e·brat·ing
...Them as Greater-Than, Not Less-Than
- This Week's Object Lesson:
the difference between a losing lottery ticket and a winning one
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: 1 Corinthians 7:7-9
*I speak now to those who are not married. I also speak to widows.
It is good for you to stay single like me. (v. 8, NIRV)*

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Have you owned anything that you thought was worthless, but turned out to be valuable? (like *Antiques Roadshow* or *Pawn Stars*...)
- Paul shares four specific instructions for singles:
 - *Singles have been Gifted*—**1 Corinthians 7:7-9**
 - Do you think people see singleness more as a gift ...or a curse?
 - *Singles have been Spared*—**1 Corinthians 7:28**
 - How does this perspective flip FOMO—as a single—on it's head?
 - *Singles can be Devoted*—**1 Corinthians 7:32-35**
 - We were all single at some point--how was/is this true in your life?
 - *Singleness should be Used*—**Ephesians 5:15-16**
 - How can you use your current season in life for God's glory?
- Historically, the church in America has "sidelined" singles as less valuable. Discuss & answer each response the church *should* have:
 - *Recognize*—**1 Corinthians 7:7-8**
 - How do we *unintentionally* see or treat singles as less valuable?
 - *Relieve*—**James 1:27; 1 Timothy 5:3**
 - What can we do to better care for singles? Why is this important?
 - *Respect*—**1 Corinthians 12:14-20** (see 1 Cor. 7:32-35 above)
 - What "advantages" do singles bring to the body of Christ?
 - *Reprioritize*—**Acts 6:1-7**
 - What can we learn from the early church's efforts here?
- Are there singles in your life that you can encourage? How?

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

In 1 Corinthians 7, Paul bounces back & forth between instructions for married people and instructions for singles (a.k.a., "virgins" & "widows"). **Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-32** and make a list with two columns; verse-by-verse, write each instruction for marriages or singles:

Instructions for Marriages

Instructions for Singles