




How Then Shall We Live: Sacred Calling

1 Corinthians 7:1-35

Adam Jones, October 15 & 16, 2016

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-35. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 The Corinthians were distraught and confused over how to navigate sex, marriage, and singleness. Do you think that people still feel the same way about these issues today?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

THE CALLING OF MARRIAGE

- 3 How did the Corinthians distort Paul's warning to flee from sexual immorality? Does it shock you to hear that the Bible says a married couple should have sex regularly, and for pleasure? How is the Bible's view of sex in marriage different from the world's?
- 4 How are praying together and having sex similar actions of a godly couple?

- 5 If one spouse becomes converted after marriage and the other one doesn't, should the converted spouse divorce the unconverted spouse? Why or why not?
- 6 "You want to help your spouse become the person God wants him or her to be." –Tim Keller. How would embracing the above calling change the way you think about your marriage? What is the extra marriage vow that Adam wants to add to weddings, and why? What was the point of the Sashi video that Adam showed?

THE CALLING OF SINGLENES

- 7 How does the gospel "de-idolize" marriage?
- 8 How have singles and widows historically been treated in whatever culture they find themselves in? If you are not single now, you were at one point. What is it like to be single in our American culture?
- 9 How does God want married people to minister to single people in the church? How does God want single people to minister to married people in the church?

THE CALLING FOR UNDIVIDED DEVOTION

- 10 Why is it difficult, perhaps even impossible, to have undivided devotion for the Lord?
- 11 What was the point of the illustration about the seminary president who had a wife with Alzheimer's?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?