

Marriage and Calling
1 Corinthians 7.1-16
January 7, 2018
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Order of Worship

Preparing our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- Psalm 47.5-9 (on screen)

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - “God Of Wonders”
- We humbly respond with praise
 - Psalm 47.5-9
 - “As The Deer”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - Psalm 32.1-5 Responsive Reading
- God’s grace
 - “Forever Reign”
 - “Wonder, Merciful Savior”

What we Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God’s saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed. Amen. (EFCA Statement of Faith)

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- 1 Corinthians 7.1-16

Lord's Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- "O The Deep, Deep Love"

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- "We Will Dance"

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God's blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- 2 John 3

Growth Group Questions

1. What misconception does Paul address in the beginning of this text? Can you relate to the Corinthians' concerns? How?
2. Paul indicates that we fight the temptation to misuse God's gifts, not by neglecting them, but using them in a godly. Why is this important for us to remember in other areas of our lives?
3. Why is it important for us to know, as a church, that singleness can be a good thing? Why do we forget this?
4. What do you think Paul means in v. 14 when he says that a believing spouse makes their unbelieving spouse holy? How is this encouraging?
5. How does this passage help you to know how to better love your brothers and sisters in the church better?

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 7.17-40