

Single



MAIN POINT:

Just because you are single doesn't mean that God can't use you in incredible ways both for yourself and others!

KEY VERSE:

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Ephesians 5:15-17

BRING IT UP:

On Sunday, Pastor Nick launched our brand new series called "It's Complicated". In this series, we will be talking about relationships and each of their seasons. Throughout this series, we will talk about your season as well as others that you aren't in. We challenge all of you to engage with every week of this series and see how you can best develop the season that you are in! In the weeks not necessarily pertaining to you, what are some ways that you can grow in your relationships as a result of the principles that you learned from the message?

When talking about the singles stage of life, we learned about how God can and will use us tremendously for His glory! How awesome was it to hear from Ben about how God used him in his single stage and the mental and spiritual transformation that he went through to realize that God has something amazing in store for him! Just because you are single, doesn't mean that God can't use you in incredible ways both for yourself and others! We learned to wait patiently, work passionately and honor purposely.

- ◆ What was your biggest takeaway from the message Sunday?

TALK IT OVER:

The single life can be one of freedom but also heartache. Some people enjoy the single life and the freedoms that it provides while others can't stand to be alone and long for the day of a committed relationship. When seemingly stuck in this season, it is very easy to feel that there's no hope for you and that you will be alone for your whole life.

- ◆ If you are currently single, what is the best and worst thing about this season?
- ◆ If you aren't single, what do you remember about the struggles during that season?

Nick made it a point to tell us that God can and will use this season of your life to bless yourself and others! Ultimately, singleness isn't a season to merely survive in but one to thrive in!

[Read Ephesians 5:15-17]

- ◆ What are some unwise ways to live if you are single?
 - **For those of you that aren't single**, what are some unwise ways that we can interact with those who are single?
- ◆ How easy or hard is it to see what the Lord's will is in your single state?
 - **For those of you that aren't single**, did you ever struggle with understanding God's will through your singleness?

It was incredible to listen to Ben Framstad talk about how God used his singleness to bless others and how Ben got to the point where he understood the blessing that God has truly given him! For some, the single stage isn't the best of times and Ben was no exception. However, Ben soon understood that he had to surrender ALL of himself to the Lord and allow Him to work mightily in his relational season.

- ◆ If you are single, which part of Ben's presentation impacted you the most?
 - For those of you that aren't single, what did you learn from Ben and how can you use it to impact and encourage the single people in your life?

THINK IT THROUGH/WORK IT OUT:

Wait patiently

- ◆ As single people, what can you do to better wait patiently for God's will to be done through your relational season?
- ◆ **For those of you that aren't single**, how can you encourage a single person in your life to wait patiently in their season?

Work passionately

- ◆ As single people, in what way can you maximize your passion for work (professional and volunteer) in this season?
- ◆ **For those of you that aren't single**, how can we best come beside the single people in our lives and encourage them towards working passionately?

Honor purposefully

- ◆ As single people, what are some ways that you can better respond if/when married people say something that alienates you?
- ◆ **For those of you that aren't single**, what are some ways that you can best honor single people in their relational season?