

# Instafam

## Instafam: Part 4

### Small Group Questions: #SingleAndLovingIt

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#### Read

Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:8–9 and 25–38

#### Reflect

In 1 Corinthians 7, Paul provides advice on relationships and marriage. We need to determine what is personally best for us, but we often compare our love lives to others'. But God wants us to be content right where we are. Are you content where you are?

Pastor Greg highlights several things we need to keep in mind before becoming involved in a relationship:

1. Be honest with yourself.
  - a. Are you being honest about your struggles and temptations?
  - b. Whether married or single, examine your heart. Is there an area of your life that you are thumbing your nose at God? (Sexuality, finances, relationships?)
  - c. Do you believe God has your best interests at heart? Do you trust him to guide you to your best life?
  - d. Have you ever hurt someone because you weren't sure what you wanted? Has anyone ever hurt you in the same way?
    - i. If you could go back, what would you do differently? What advice would you offer someone in a similar situation?
  - e. Do you think it's important to differentiate between dating and courtship? Why or why not?
    - i. Dating: private, no goal, an open relationship, and no one else has a right to speak into it.
    - ii. Courtship: public, with a goal, exclusive relationship, family and friends are involved.
  - f. What changes might you need to make to honor God in your relationship?
2. Be wise about your circumstances.
  - a. Do you have a testimony about making a poor decision in a love relationship?
  - b. What good reasons might prevent you from pursuing a relationship right now?
    - i. Are you in school, dealing with an addiction, a career track that requires tremendous effort and commitment? Other?
    - ii. Are you making concessions with someone who has cheated or is on the rebound? What do your friends and family think of the person?
  - c. Have you ever been blessed tremendously after making a hard decision about a relationship?
3. Be radically devoted with your time.
  - a. If you are single, do you consider it a blessing or a burden? Explain.
  - b. What would you probably be unable to do if you were married right now? Travel, go on mission trips, or volunteer? How are you free to serve and make a difference?
  - c. Do you believe God has a purpose for you in this season of your life?
4. Be considerate of your fiancé.
  - a. If you've been in a holding pattern, why might you be reluctant to take the next step?

#### Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?