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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Leader, please make these available to your group.

Men's Called to Lead is on October 2 that is this coming Saturday. How many of the men in your Life Group are signed up? Encourage each man to attend.



Pilates for Purpose has two more meetings on October 16 and 30th. Minimum donation is \$10 and 100% of proceeds go toward filling the La Gloria Christmas Blessing Bags. [CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#). Encourage everyone to attend! Sessions begin at 9am in room 118.



Veteran's Celebration Picnic is in need of volunteers!!!! Saturday November 13 from 9-3:30. It's going to be a special time to celebrate our military families for the sacrifice they've made with a free concert and free BBQ. We need 75 volunteers to help! If you can help please [follow this link](#).



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Week 9 | New and Improved | Genesis 2:18-25

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME

Let's play a game. I say marriage, and you say? Or, I say single, and you say? Words like marriage and single are like an inkblot test. They conjure a wide range of responses based on our upbringing and experience. But our experiences aren't left to be determined by our subjective definitions or opinions. The Bible gives us a clear picture of how God intends us to live as singles or marrieds. In fact, some of us may be missing out on that purpose because we've focused more on what we want God to do in our lives tomorrow instead of what He is doing in our lives today. While that journey of faith isn't simple, it is good, and God is refining us in the process. Whatever your marital status may be, you are complete because of Christ in your life. As we choose to live in that truth, we are prepared to have transformational relationships that are about God's glory and what He brings to others through our lives.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, take time to consider how you have discovered fulfillment and purpose in your relationships with Jesus.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. How does focusing on spiritual identity in Christ rather than on marital status help the single Christian? How can the single Christian overcome false, worldly stereotypes about singleness (sometimes even prevalent in the church)? What are some of those stereotypes, and how does our identity in Christ enable us to overcome them? Encourage one another.

Focusing on your spiritual identity in Christ and not on your marital status helps to identify true purpose.

2. Paul's famous statement about being able to do all things through Christ was written within the context of being content in Jesus.
So how can we practically find contentment in our relationship with Jesus? Based on that answer, are there some practical steps for you to take?

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:11-13

3. We should all be striving to be godly influences in the lives of those around us. For example, if you are married, how can you be more intentionally a godly influence in your spouse's life? What practical steps can you take to make this happen? If you are single, how can you be a godly influence in the lives of family and friends?



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

Philippians 4:11

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REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, identify a specific area of struggle for you in your marriage or singleness and commit that issue to prayer every day this week, intentionally seeking contentment in your current circumstances and/or striving for godliness.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear about what God did in your life as you handled your relationships in His strength and not your own.

Dear Home Group Leader,

The following questions have been added to the Home Group curriculum to minister specifically to marriages. Even though not all of your people are married, please try to work these "Mindful of Marriage" questions in at the end of your meeting as they can benefit all.

If you don't have time to cover these questions in your meeting, please give the questions to the married couples as homework to do together. Thank you!

MINDFUL OF MARRIAGE...

- This week, let's pray that God will show us how to grow personally and individually as a believer, as well as how to point our spouse towards Jesus in a life-giving, nonjudgmental way.