

# Church >in< Community | 1 Corinthians 7:1-16

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## OVERVIEW

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In 1 Corinthians 7:1-16, Paul provides guidance on marriage and singleness, emphasizing the value of both. He highlights mutual responsibilities within marriage. Paul also addresses marriages between believers and non-believers, urging commitment and faithfulness, while recognizing that a believer's presence can have a sanctifying influence on the family.

## OHANA TIME!

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**Icebreaker:** If you could time travel to any historical period, when would it be and why? **Or** If you could have any animal as a pet, what would it be?

**Activity:** Do a craft or something artistic together!

## PRAYER

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**Pray as a group:** Pray that God is glorified in all our relationships, whether single or married.

## QUESTIONS: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-16

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1. What important topic(s) does Paul address in today's passage?
2. How does Paul's teaching on mutual responsibility in marriage (v. 3-4) challenge modern views of relationships?
3. What does it mean for a husband and wife to fulfill their marital duties to each other, and how can this be practically applied in today's marriages?
4. Why does Paul suggest that it is good to remain unmarried, but also affirms the value of marriage in this passage?
5. What guidance does Paul give to Christians who are married to non-believers, and how can this be a source of encouragement for those in similar situations today?
6. How can the principle of living in peace (v. 15) be applied to challenging relationships, both within and outside of marriage?

## APPLICATION

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1. How does this passage encourage you to reflect on your own relationships, whether single or married, and how you can honor God in them?
2. If you're married, what steps can you take to prioritize communication and spiritual unity with your spouse, as Paul encourages? For those who are single, how can Paul's teaching on self-control and devotion to God shape your view of singleness and relationships?
3. How can our church community support and encourage those who are single, married, or in spiritually mixed marriages?

