

John 15:9-17 | Singleness 2

Study Questions from 21.04.2024 sermon

Celibacy

- i. Read 1 Thess. 4:3-5. God has restricted sex to marriage and so He wants single Christians to control their bodies so they are celibate and avoid sexual immorality. If a single person said to you that they felt they were missing out by being celibate, what would you say in response?

Intimacy

- ii. Read 1 Sam. 18:1-4 and 2 Sam. 1:26. Why did David say Jonathan's love surpassed the love of women? What did he mean?
- iii. Our culture believes sex is the only form of intimacy, but it is not. What types of non-sexual intimacy can you think of?
- iv. Read 2 Cor. 6:11-13. Paul's open-heartedness is an expression of close intimate friendship. What non-sexual friendship intimacy have you experienced?
- v. Non-sexual intimacy is enriching and fulfilling for everyone, but especially for single people. In Argyle how can we cultivate the kinds of deep relationships which give non-sexual intimacy?

Friendship

- i. Read John 15:9-17. From the passage, identify the main components of being Jesus' friends.
- ii. Friendship is good for single and married people, as well as our mental, physical and spiritual health, yet friendship is in decline in our society, to the extent that the UK government has appointed a 'Loneliness Minister' to prevent loneliness and isolation. Discuss the causes of this decline.
- iii. How can we build close friendships in Argyle, especially so that singles are not left feeling excluded and alone?

Prayer

Spend some time praying about what you've discussed and pray for one another.