



# VALLEY REAL LIFE

Uncommon | Uncommon Relationships

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## **Last Week**

What lessons did you learn about resolving conflict from last week's lesson?

## **Opener**

Why do you think marriage in our society has been on the decline for so long now?

## **Questions**

What do you think is the main reason people get married? Same question for staying single?

What are some reasons people are choosing to co-habitate and avoid marriage? Why are we called in the church to a different standard?

Were you surprised by the statistics shared in the lesson about Christians and accepting sex outside marriage? Why do you think this is?

How can you help extend grace and healing to those who have hurt and mistakes in this area from their past?

## **Apply SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) to:**

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (NLT)

32 I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him. 33 But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. 34 His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. 35 I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.

- *Read the verses out loud together,*
- *Share your observations,*
- *Discuss Application*
- *Close in Prayer*

## **Next Steps:**

How can your marriage or singleness help you serve the Lord?

