



WHO SAYS I DON'T HAVE A LIFE?

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LESSON TITLE: Swipe Right - Week One: Who Says I Don't Have a Life?

BIBLE PLATFORM: 1 Corinthians 7:25-38, Paul on Being Single

LESSON OVERVIEW: Is it true that if you're not dating, you don't have a life? No! Being single is a blessing few people truly embrace because of our love-obsessed culture. Paul shows us that if we commit ourselves to God during our single times, we can be an even greater blessing to others than when we are with someone else.

TEACHER QUESTION: What messages are we sending to our kids – both explicit and implicit – about dating, the need for relationships, self-worth, and holiness?

LESSON CHALLENGE: The world's standard is that romantic relationships are good, singleness is bad. We need to show our kids that God's standard is different. Single, dating, married, whatever our relationship status, it is a gift of God.

3G – THREE TEACHING GOALS THIS LESSON:

- **CONTENT:** Students will learn that Paul embraced singleness as a blessing rather than a curse.
- **ALERTS:** Students will discover that our culture's view of relationship differs greatly from God's standard.
- **APPS:** Students will examine whether they are serving and honoring God, whatever their current relationship status.

YOUTH LEADER FEED: Remaining single can be brutal when everyone around you seems to be joining up into couples. When we tell kids that singleness is a gift, it can be hard to accept. Even if they believe it as a part of God's word, the feelings of "less than" may remain the same. How do we get kids to move away from the world's standard and towards God's standard? It starts with you. If you are single, make sure that you have fully embraced your status as God's gift to you (understanding that the gift may change over time). If you are in a relationship, think about ways that this limits you. Remind yourself of the advantages a single person possesses. In your lesson, emphasize that God can be served, in our singleness and our relationship.

HOW-TO PRAYER:

Dear God,

Show us how it can be a blessing to be single.

In Jesus' name, Amen

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