

DISCUSSION GUIDE
JULY 1 & 2

BROKEN

A STUDY IN 1 CORINTHIANS

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I CORINTHIANS 7 | WEEK 4

Opening Questions

1. In your opinion, what promotes holy living?
2. In American marriages, what causes the greatest stress and conflict leading to divorce? Why?
3. If Paul was alive today, what would you like to ask him about 1 Corinthians 7? What questions do you have regarding Pastor Carter's weekend message?

In the Word

1. Read all of [1 Corinthians 7](#).
2. In [verses 1-16](#), how does Paul describe mutuality between husband and wife in practical terms?
3. How does Paul respond to the extremes of celibacy on one hand and throwing away all "moral restraint" on the other hand?
4. In [verses 8-16](#), what are the specific situations Paul addresses and what is his advice in each one?
5. In [verses 17-24](#), what point does Paul make about social status from the world's point of view?
6. How often do you give thought to the Lord's return? What impact should this make?
7. In [verses 32-40](#), what advice does Paul provide to newlyweds and how can difficult times affect marriage?
8. How does Paul leave room for individual conscience and what is Paul's goal for every Christian in Corinth whether they are married or not?

Making It Personal

1. In what ways are you under stress and how does that impact your marriage and other relationships? What steps can you take to reduce stress in your life and family?
2. In your marriage relationship, how can mutuality, respect, and submission to each other be more prominent and enjoyable?
3. Talk with your spouse about the frequency of sexual intimacy in your marriage. How can you help each other grow in love and mutual respect in this area?
4. Pray for each other as a group for marriage relationships and families to reflect Paul's wisdom.

Continued Learning

1. Consider adopting one or more younger couples as a group to encourage them in their marriage, parenting and family health. Find simple and creative ways to reach out and encourage them.

Additional Notes