

# Community Group Notes

## Getting Started

Would you consider yourself a decisive or indecisive person? At a restaurant like Subway do you stick with the pre-made choices with little modification or do you build your own sandwich from scratch?

## Talking It Through

1. Review the sermon from Sunday: Re-read the text (1 Corinthians 7:25-40), AND review the main sermon points from your notes. What was it about?
2. How does the present crisis affect Paul's advice? How do different situations influence how we apply this passage into our lives? What is universal and what isn't?
3. Sometimes our decisions are driven by thinking we'll be more fulfilled or "the grass is greener on the other side." What is the shortcoming of this kind of decision-making? Are there example in your life where you thought the grass would be greener only to find it wasn't?
4. The second question Paul would ask regarding a decision is, "How will it impact my ability to serve the Lord?" What are the advantages of staying single? What would some disadvantages be? Do you think the advantages and disadvantages are the same for every person?

## Taking It Further

5. Part of Paul's decision-making process is the fact that the "appointed time has grown very short." Read the following passages and discuss how they add to Paul's statement: 1 Peter 4:7; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 John 2:28. How do you think Christians should live in response to these texts?
6. How can we respond to one another with grace when it comes our decision-making? How can we encourage and help each other without telling each other what to do?

## Taking It Home

How do you typically approach making a big life decision? What questions do you tend to ask?

Review the two questions Paul asked on the front of your study sheet: Looking back, is there a decision you made in the past where you wish you had asked these questions?

Looking forward, is there a decision you are wrestling with now? How do these two questions impact your internal conversation?

## Time to PRAY

(Or do this at the beginning of your group time)

Take time to share prayer requests that relate to the people in your group, and then pray for those needs.

**Next Sunday: February 18, 2018**

**"The Value of Knowledge PLUS Humility"**

**(1 Corinthians 8:1-13)**

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