

Life Group Lesson Outline

Sinners & Saints

Date of sermon given: May 10, 2026

Icebreaker (10-15 minutes)

Purpose: Encourage fellowship and set a comfortable tone.

Example Questions:

- What is your high and low for the week?
 - What are some things that gave you joy this week?
 - What are some things that gave you sadness this week?
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Lesson / Discussion (30-40 minutes)

Opening Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Theme = This sermon focuses on defining marriage through a "Jesus filter," asserting that its primary purpose is to point toward the relationship between Christ and the church rather than seeking personal fulfillment. The message highlights five key principles: marriage is an assignment from God, a gift to be enjoyed, an exclusive union, a lifelong commitment, and a relationship of mutual service. Ultimately, the speaker encourages everyone—regardless of their marital status or past pain—to find their primary identity and ultimate fulfillment in the sacrificial love of Christ.

Question 1 = The sermon suggests that marriage is an "assignment" from God rather than just a personal choice. How does viewing your current life stage (whether married or single) as an assignment from God change the way you approach your daily responsibilities and relationships?

Question 2 = The speaker mentions that the purpose of marriage is to be a "show and tell" of Christ's love for the church. In what practical ways can a Christian relationship (or even a friendship) demonstrate the qualities of sacrifice and faithfulness to the surrounding world?

Question 3 = We often hear that leadership means being "the boss," but the sermon defines biblical leadership as "going first" in service and sacrifice. What would it look like for you to "go first" in showing grace or serving someone in your immediate family or community this week?

Question 4 = The sermon acknowledges that Mother's Day and topics like marriage can bring up feelings of pain, loss, or disappointment. How can our small group better "mourn with those who mourn" while still "rejoicing with those who rejoice" when discussing these sensitive topics?

Reflection / Prayer = Take some time to pray for each other, our community, and our church.

Prayer Requests (10-30 minutes)

- Invite group members to share prayer needs. It would be good for the Leader to start this sharing time.
 - Close with prayer, praying for each request. (if they are comfortable, rotate who prays for the group)
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• **Leader Notes** [Space for personal notes or reflections]

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