

# You Matter Most

## Singles (Week 3)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Idea

Your value and your purpose are not contingent on your marital status.

### Key Scriptures

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

Genesis 1:1-7

### We buy into the lie that:

- God is holding out on me
- My worth is based on my relationship status.
- Other things can be what I need instead of God.

### Ways to Stay Grounded in our Value & Purpose:

- Take an honest look at your volume levels.
- Adjust those volume levels.
- Keep the gospel in front of everything.

### Start talking.

- What negative messages does culture/the church send to single people?
- Why?
- What are some impacts of those messages?

### Start thinking.

- Read Genesis 3:1-7. Reflect on the phrase "did God really say...". What might Eve have thought about after that question?
- Reflect on the phrase "You won't die!". Think about the impact of that statement, for the first time in human history that someone verbally spoke against God. What were the repercussions of that interaction between Satan and Eve?

### Start sharing.

- How does our culture buy into the lie that God might not be enough?
- How do we do the same thing?
- Where do we source our information on our value and purpose? What ways do we allow false information to influence the truth?
- Do you struggle with understanding your value and your purpose?

### Start doing.

- What are practical ways you can adjust the volume levels in your life regarding where you take in information on your value and purpose?
- What are practical ways you can encourage people with the love of Jesus, regardless of their marital status?
- Can you think of someone who would be awesome on Harbor's Welcome Team? Email Ryan with those names!

### Closing prayer.

Lord Jesus, thank you that my worth was established before the foundation of the world. That you are matchless and all powerful, and that you bring all of heaven to all of humanity, and none of it is contingent on my marital status. Thank you that you have a purpose, for me to bring your love to all the world, all my world, no matter where I'm at. Help me see others around me and to show them that love today. In Jesus Name, Amen.