Singles should choose wisely because marriage is a covenant until death. (8-9)

If you are married, stay married. (10-11)

Even if you are married to an unbeliever, stay married. (12-15)

Marriage is a picture of the Gospel. (16)

Questions for Discussion:

What are some reasons that would be considered "foolish" for why singles choose a particular spouse? How would a perspective of marrying for the long haul ("until death do us part") lead to wiser reasons?

What are some reasons that some married couples do wind up divorced?

Why do you think the divorce rate is even higher for second or third marriages?

What do you think could be done to preclude the many divorces that occur today?

In what ways can a believer "sanctify" his or her spouse and children?

How would a separation between them impact this sanctifying influence?

If married, are there things you are doing or not doing that could be eating away at your marriage?

If so, what would it look like for you to change today?

If single, what are some things you should change in your life that would make you a suitable spouse?