



Sermon Discussion Guide

A Sign of the Age to Come - Tim Knipp

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Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.
- What are some of the weirdest pieces of advice that people have given you on being single or dating? What are some of the best?

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:
- **Read Luke 20:27-36**
- What do you think the Sadducees' purpose was for asking Jesus this question?
- What was the main point Jesus was trying to convey in his response?
- What does this passage tell us about what post-resurrection life looks like?
- If this was all you knew about the purpose of marriage and singleness. What would it tell us?

Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on the implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- What implications does this passage have for both married and single people today?
- On Sunday, Tim said, "Marriage points back to the garden and singleness points ahead to the city". What are your thoughts on this? What does that mean for marriage and what does that mean for singles?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 7:7**. In light of the Luke passage and both Jesus and Paul being single, what do you think it would mean to live out a faithfully single life?



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Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- Evaluate the ways you have seen the purpose and value of single people in our world and church. How might you need to adjust your view on marriage and singleness in light of this passage?
- Reflect on your assumptions about what a single person must be thinking or feeling. How much is that shaped by external or cultural influences and how much is that influenced by what scripture says about singleness or marriage?
- Married or single, we all have a purpose in the Kingdom of God. What do you sense God teaching you about your purpose over the past few weeks?
- Practically, how can your small group and Hillcrest operate well as a diverse family of God with different gifts and journeys?

Time of Prayer