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GROWING IN GOD'S GARDEN OF GRACE

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RECAP: This week Pastor Derwin shared about Flourishing in Singleness which can be understood as a gift and a necessity. Most of us remember gifts that were underappreciated. After all, socks and stocks are way less fun when you're a kid. And good gifts have a way of transforming us so much so that a good gift giver can look past our initial disappointment. God is the giver of perfect gifts (James 1:17), and the most perfect gift that He gave is His Son (Romans 8:32). We are all invited to be transformed by knowing Christ. Being single allows us to more fully know and be known by Jesus. Whether you are currently single or not, pursue Christ. Because only in Christ are we truly able to flourish.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Take a moment to list a few key relationships (family, friends, etc.) that have some expectations of you. How do you deal with these expectations?
- How much of your day are you free to decide how to spend your time? How would you rate your ability to use this time well?
- Read Ephesians 4:23-24. How do these verses encourage you to use your time differently? What is one specific thing you can do this week to put on your new nature?
- Read 1 Corinthians 7:7. How is being single a gift? How can the church encourage and empower single believers?
- Pastor Derwin mentioned a few ways that people are tempted to idolize relationships by having our needs and desires met by another person. Read 1 Corinthians 6:13-17. Whose body are we most closely joined to?
- Where do you need to draw closer to Christ? What is preventing you from doing so?
- Take time to pray as a group using Galatians 5:22-23. Ask God to make you more fruitful throughout your day to know Christ's love, joy, peace, etc. That you would delight in drawing closer to Jesus this week.