**SPEAKER:** Beth de Swardt (Women Only)

**TITLE:** Living Single in a Married World

**TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 7:7-35

1. **Introduction**
2. **Understand God’s Perspective on Singleness**
	1. Singleness is a gift (7)
	2. Pressure of system (25-27)
	3. Problems of the flesh (28)
	4. Passing of the world (29-31)
	5. Preoccupation of the married (32-35)
3. **Understand the Body of Christ**
4. **Understand God Uses Our Marital Status to Reveal Our Hearts**

**Questions for Singles to Ponder**

1. As you think about the possibility of being single long-term, what is your biggest fear?
2. What is your biggest struggle in being single? What does this say about your heart and motivations?
3. How do others make the struggle harder?
4. What aspect of God’s character do you need to more fully understand in relation to your singleness?
5. How does your view of singleness reflect unbiblical truth of God’s perspective of singleness?

**Questions for Those Who Desire to Help Singles in Their Church**

1. How do you think we make singles feel like second-class citizens?
2. How do we work at not having this happen?
3. How do we help them feel more included?
4. How can we utilise the singles in our church more?