

FOLLOW-UP QUESTION 8

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**FOR SINGLE WOMEN, NEVER MARRIED:  
Besides the need to get married,  
your status as a single woman,  
or other related remarks, what topics would you  
like for people to discuss with you?**

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**Responses**

I enjoy discussing what God is doing in my life and hear what God is doing in yours. I don't mind hearing things related to the home/family/children, as long as the other person doesn't mind hearing about other topics as well. My nieces, nephews, foster-children, and God-children are a big part of my life, even though my relationship with them is different. Work/Ministry heart desires what heart desires do we feel a call to work toward really anything. As long as it brings connection. :) I don't even mind discussing my single status, because I think it helps spark a different way of thinking about where our fulfillment comes from.

I love it when people include me in their lives. There's an assumption that single women are busy and have all time to themselves but people don't realize how lonely it can be especially when you're a Christian and going out isn't a thing that appeals to you.

Being a Daughter of God, being a trusted member of the life of the Church, being financially sound in a one income home, spiritual accountability as a single woman, what does that look like biblically. etc.

Just everyday life. What their highs and lows are. What God is showing them in their life. To look past the obvious and to see that I can be a listening ear.

Ummm, normal things.

Accomplishments while being single. Growth of oneself and learning to know that God is walking beside you and you are not alone though it feels that way a lot!

I think I appreciate conversation about life, practical things that apply to our Christian lives, Hobbies and such.

The new and exciting things I'm learning or that the people I'm in conversation with are learning. Not every conversation needs to be about relationships and the future, but can be about the present and the growth that is happening right now.

Any topics they would discuss with anyone. I'm a person just like them. My small group at church has two couples with children and another single man and it has never been an issue or a problem. They have never tried to "pair us up." We recently completed a study of Song of Solomon (the couple book) and I simply applied some of the aspects we were discussing to other types of relationships in my life when I shared and it was completely normal. I appreciate this immensely.

Anything! Seriously. Anything. I'm aware of my status as a single woman... and actually not that interested in talking about it. But if you'd be interested in talking about my work, or what I'm reading, or any of my hobbies, or your work, or what you're reading....

The role of women in the church. Theology of the church.

I always want advice from older women. I believe the best support a woman can have is from another woman. I want to know how to teach the gospel, how to avoid temptation, how to encourage others.

Singleness doesn't have to result in loneliness.

I would like to discuss the courage required to have faith in God and trust Him with my future. As a single woman, this is probably the most daunting subject in my relationship with God. When you're single, the possibilities for your future are literally endless, but my planning oriented mind can get very overwhelmed at all of the possibilities.

Being strong, single, and independent as a daughter of God. How to interact with guys without feeling like the church ladies are going to pounce. How to not only talk to older women respectfully but also help them understand that I don't need to be married to survive.

To be seen as on a long path of singleness, because you need to plan differently relationally, financially and in your education when singleness is the long view of your life. For example, more practical counsel on matters of living would have an added blessing in the church community. Thankfully, I have a great family. The church could have been a wonderful covenant community in those years, but I was mostly solicited for donations and volunteer time in those early years, rather than invested in one on one as a person on a valid lifelong journey of singleness with really specific challenges.