

PROSPECTIVE TEAM MEMBERS

SINGLE LIFE TALK

Purpose of the Talk: There will be seasons in all our lives when we are single (before marriage, divorce, death, or never marry). This talk should help the Residents learn "how" to live as a single Christian during those seasons when they are single. (Length 20 minutes.)

Points to Cover:

(This talk should be varied for men and women. The points to emphasize and clarify will differ and the speaker should take this into consideration, ie many of the men have abandoned their kids; most of the women are still responsible for their children)

1. Relationships: Learn to recognize, appreciate and foster those relationships that strengthen you and help you grow (family, coworkers, neighbors, people you admire)
2. Responsibility: Learn to be responsible "For" self and "To" others (this is *different* for men and women)
3. Personal Growth: Focus on how to grow as a Christian adult. Learn to take care of the self first before entering a relationship. Love thy neighbor as thyself. You must get to a place where you are happy with your life apart from a dating relationship in order to be happy "with" one. (From: Boundaries in Dating by Cloud and Townsend)

Suggested Approaches:

1. The speaker should share "some" of their experience but this is only a small part of the talk
2. How to handle pornography for self and when it appears in the relationship (recommended reading "Everyman's Battle" by Arterburn and Stoeker)
3. Discuss the question that if you never marry can you be a "whole" person
4. What makes a man a man
5. What makes a woman a woman
6. For women, some will feel shame from past sexual experiences, clarify that God can wash them white as snow
7. Men and women really are different; explain, refer to book "Men are From Mars, Women are From Venus" or other books on this topic
8. A Christian will remain sexually abstinent until marriage

Suggested Scriptures: