



BRINGING SINGLES together in the Church

—by Christian Pälchen

No one can deny that we are living in a time when more and more Christians are becoming lukewarm in their faith. For single Christians it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a potential spouse that is committed to the Lord and will not compromise on His Word and commandments.

According to the 2010 US Census, there are more singles in the United States than at any other time in history – 44.1% of the adult population are unmarried. More than 50% of all meals are eaten at a “table for one” in res-

taurants. In an age of rising singlehood, many churches are still focused on being family ministry centres.

Support the singles in your church

Married couples with or without children need and deserve support - but so do singles. They are practicing celibacy in a culture that scarcely comprehend the concept. They are finding their identity in Christ alone and often they are less obsessed with finding ‘the one’ than the well-meaning married ladies who

continue to ask them why they are still single.

The responsibility of the Church

It is time for something to change. Church hopping and hours of Internet chat rooms are not the solution for those who wish to socialise with other unmarried members of the Body of Christ. It is time for the church leaders to take notice of them and provide a relaxed atmosphere where people can mingle, learn from and be accountable to local pastors and connect over a cup of coffee.

“Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:12

As individuals connect and meet in a safe, unthreatening and godly environment, they have the opportunity to get to know others, recognising their strengths, weaknesses and interests.

A suggestion for your church

It is exactly at this point - bringing Christian singles together – that churches can offer a great service and implement the following concept and even develop it further to suit your church’s members:

You can offer your members the possibility to find a Christian partner. Once a month

evening the single can inform the organisers with whom he or she will get in contact. The organisers will send the email address of this single to the mentioned numbers.

For the future of Christian families

As a church leader, you have the responsibility to support your singles! The Christian family is the most important cell of society, and this can only continue if the church unites the single godly people who sit under their leadership. A Christian partner provides the basis to come together before God and master life together.

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you can organise a meet up at a Mugg n Bean or in your church cafe. At every meeting I encourage you to invite a speaker to present a special short topic.

After the presentation, the guests can have the opportunity to talk about the topic (with formulated questions). During the evening they can rotate seats (at every round table is a new formulated question). The aim is to meet as many singles as possible. All guests can be asked at the entrance if they are born-again Christians and if they are there to find a partner.

At the beginning of the evening, the guest leaves his/her email address and will get a button with a number on it, after the

There are endless possibilities of topics that can be presented by local pastors or speakers at your Christian Single Meetings. Materials can be found on my website: www.ics-christian-school-founding.org/life-skills-conference-concept/preparation-for-partnership-1. Churches are also invited to download my free Word template for handouts or posters. Remember to advertise in other church denominations for maximum exposure! ■

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