

LadyLike: Living Biblically

You will see that the questions this study poses do not offer the answers. They are designed so that you land in the right zone without being pushed there. There are plenty of wrong answers that the devil, the world, and your flesh would put forward, but there are also a lot of right answers, depending upon your station and situation. Move forward with a firmer eye on Scripture than any other word out there, and you'll be set!

Each week a number of questions will be posted online in this format along with the readings for the week. Since this book is written as short essays, you will be reading or referring to some essays multiple times throughout this study. You may participate in online discussions if you would like on the Immanuel Women's Ministry Facebook Group. You can also email me your questions or thoughts at pmiller@immanuelseymour.com. Blessings on your study.

Week Six

Prayer:

Dear Gracious Lord, You are our God of all comfort and peace. You give to us our family and in our lonely times you promise to always be with us. Thank you for loving us through you Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you that through His death and resurrection You have opened to us the way to eternal life. In our Baptism you made us your child and sisters in Christ. We ask for your wisdom and guidance now as we study and always, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Reading: Read the essays on pages 80 and 89; see also pages 111 and 182

Questions: Scripture says that it is good to remain single (1 Corinthians 7:8). It also says that marriage has anxiety built into it, and it is good to avoid that anxiety if possible (1 Corinthians 7:32–35). However, singleness has bone-deep loneliness built into it (Genesis 2:18).

—Does the world value marriage over singleness? Does the Church? Does God?

—What comfort does a single person have in the constant trial of loneliness?

—Is there something you personally can do to help a single person?

Reading: Read the essay on page 100; see also pages 76, 106, and 182.

Questions: Scripture shows us that marriage is for family. It's easy to think that a couple without children is not much of a family. Christians should not diminish the grief of couples who have been unable to have children, either through natural birth or by adoption or fostering.

—What is wrong with the perspective that a couple to whom God has not given children isn't really a family?

—How can those with children and those without children care for one another?

Reading: See the essays on pages 27, 76, 80, 85, 89, 95, 100, 103, 106, 111, 116, 121, and 164.

Questions: How are the Church and the world served by all the different stations into which God places the children He called to Himself in Baptism?

Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.