

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY

1. Almost 50% of the people in your city, state and nation are single, unmarried adults.
2. When they are engaged and trained, single adults can be staff, deacons, teachers, leaders with children and students, leaders of music, instrumentalists, tech crew workers, greeters, choir members, and on and on. Why wouldn't we want this ministry?
3. People between the ages of 18 to 30 are perhaps at the most critical point in their lives. These are the years when they learn to become independent, become leaders, become workers in their church, and become leaders in business. They are probably going to decide who they will marry and start having children. Their beliefs and habits are not set in stone yet, they are willing to learn and be taught. They have energy, spare time and the desire to help others. Why wouldn't we want this ministry?
4. If older people will invest in the lives of young single adults, it often is a turning point that begins a new purpose and passion. Discipling a 24-year-old will change their life for the next 60 years. It will affect their marriage, their children and their grandchildren. Why wouldn't we want this ministry?
5. Young adults 18-30 are often away from home and friends in a new town. They need friends. Older adults who are single again (divorced or widowed) are in need of friends and encouragement.
6. Because so few churches reach out to single adults, your church may be the only one in your community. When our church began this ministry, we quickly had 200 single adults attending.
7. The turnover in this kind of ministry is usually great. Every year, it could be that 50% of the single adults in your group will marry or move away because of a new job. Design your ministry with this in mind. What do you want to teach them in the next year or two before they leave?
8. A good group of single adults will produce a good group of engaged couples which will produce a good group of newlyweds which may produce a new group of young children in your church.
9. Attending a church single adult group is one of the ways they meet friends and potential people to date. Make sure your Single Adult Group is social. Sit together in worship. Go eat lunch after church. There may be people interested in getting together every week on Friday night to eat and do fun activities. They will be interested in game nights, movie nights, bowling, hayrides, campfires, swimming, sailing, skiing, hiking, camping, snow skiing, canoeing, kayaking, tennis, pickleball, basketball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, etc. Some will be able to afford a three-day trip to the mountains or the ocean.
10. Like most of America, single adults will come from all walks of life and various religious backgrounds. You should not assume that they have a personal relationship with Christ just because they attend your church.
11. Don't underestimate their social network. If you start with a group of 5 single adults who are socially connected with friends, family and coworkers, you may find that 20 or 30 are attending your group activities in a short time.
12. The teacher or leader of your single adult ministry must be spiritually mature and have a goal of making disciples. I have seen single adults and married couples who were great at this!