

Many churches and organizations that schedule the What Did You Expect?: Redeeming the Realities of Marriage conference don't promote the conference to singles. We have found that the conference is well received by all age single people from teens through seniors. Below are some comments we received from just one event from single people who attended:

“Helpful in showing me what is important. Letting me know that I don't need my fiancé but what I need is God. The hardest thing now is applying what I've learned to my life, and not going back to my selfish ways.”

... Jamie

“It has been a great opportunity in preparing for marriage. Now we know what to expect. It has definitely shown the utter importance and dependence on God in relationships. It's a great learning experience on how to properly live out a marriage for God and not ourselves.”

...Benjamin

“I wish this was a requirement in pre-marriage counseling because it would help so much in that hard first year of marriage. I can't wait to apply this for the next 50+ years.”

...Kristin

“My fiancé and I are getting married in 28 days. This conference is a blessing to us in this busy time and it draws us back to where our focus should be. We are fixing our eyes on Him and asking Him to help us be who He wants us to be for each other. We loved it and want to thank you for this blessing and opportunity.”

...Jason

“Love the stories and the message. Very helpful. Thank you. I'm getting married in 28 days. Thank you so much. We needed this.”

...Megan

“I'm single and I felt like the conference was helpful for me as I relate to others (family, friends, etc.). It also helped me to become more aware of the realities of marriage – I will move into relationships being much more prepared about what to expect as well as how to deal with my problem – me.”

...Jessica

“This conference is helping me in not only becoming a better person in my relationship with my girlfriend, but also my relationships with others. Selfishness is a key point in helping me to realize how I can be a better person, and truly love my neighbor as I love myself, all by loving God.”

...Ed

“As an engaged women there was so much information that people would never tell you that was presented this weekend. It gave me tools on making my relationship with the Lord closer and as a result my future marriage will be blessed. I don’t need a husband, but I do need my Lord and Savior.”

...**Susan**

“I really enjoyed the conference even though I am single. I felt that it wasn’t awkward to be here, and that the information presented was very helpful in terms of all relationships, and it was great to shatter illusions of the idea that marriage is what satisfies, and to help prepare for dating and eventually a marriage relationship.”

...**Matt**

“Solid, clear communication. I appreciate its constant tying to Scripture. I’m glad, as a single woman, to hear truth that is just that, truth – regardless of being married – this is truth for life on this side of heaven. Would love to read more of Dr. Tripp’s books, to hear of his revelations on Christ’s redemptive truth. I’m looking forward to it, and will share it with others.”

...**Allyson**

“It was very beneficial for singles, not just married couples.”

...**Tyler**

“It was amazing. I am not married yet but I feel that it put me in my place and shed a lot of light on issues I know I would have if I were married. With Christ and the Holy Spirit, I will not take some of these issues into a marriage.”

...**Grace Anne**

“It was good also for singles because a lot of what he talked about was very applicable for all relationships, not just marriage.”

...**Doug**

“I appreciate the clarity and truth with which the material was presented. As a single person attending the conference, I found all the material practical and life-changing as I look towards preparing for marriage one day. As a counselor myself, I will use these truths about people’s relationships with God and others to minister to others.”

...**Amber**

“I love that the focus was on God and our relationship with Him.

As a single person, it’s so important to let that sink in, that our relationship with Him must be a priority first before we can ever truly honor Him in marriage. Thank you for reiterating that!”

...**Reggie**

“As a single person, I am so thankful that the material presented during the weekend has been useful for anyone in any relationship.”

...**Bonnie**

“Good for all people not only married people. What was taught, applies for all relationships”

...**Greg**

“The conference has been a blessing to me as a single woman. It is a reminder to me to focus on being the type of person I would want to be with because my greatest relationship problem is me. It helps to shift my focus and remind me once again about the importance of my vertical relationship in my horizontal ones as well as showing grace.”

...**Kina**

“Very, very relevant to the unmarried. Good to encourage anyone who attends.”

...**Hank**

“Excellent focus on issues in marriage relationships resulting from idol of self and lack of thankfulness/understanding of grace we’ve been given from God. Applicable to married or single people in all relationships. We need more conferences like this! Excellent speaker. Thanks Dr. Tripp.”

...**Elizabeth.**

“Great experience. Not only helped for upcoming marriage, but for personal relationship with God.” ...**Nick**

As a single woman I learned many helpful things to apply in my relationships. There are many aspects about myself to evaluate before meeting someone and getting involved in a relationship. Paul Tripp was entertaining, objective and a gifted son of Jesus. Loved the conference. Well organized.”

...**Vanessa**