

**What did you think of the survey?**

	Yes	Partly	No	Rating Count
Did it cover important issues?	<b>77.2% (880)</b>	21.7% (247)	1.1% (13)	1,140
Were the questions clear enough?	<b>67.6% (762)</b>	27.8% (313)	4.6% (52)	1,127
Was it relevant?	<b>79.5% (885)</b>	17.9% (199)	2.6% (29)	1,113
Any additional comments?				292
				<b>answered question</b> 1,151
				<b>skipped question</b> 2,029



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1	There seems to be an assumption that the 'church' is not for singles but I haven't found that to be the case. I think some of the teaching of the church, particularly about sex is unrealistic and belongs to a different time in history. I value fidelity and think marriage is still a sacramental holy place, but sadly most of us these days don't get to live in that hallowed space.	Dec 14, 2012 11:51 AM
2	Some questions/answer options were not very helpfully worded e.g. sentences that included more than one concept to agree/not with	Nov 3, 2012 3:47 PM
3	Could have done with a general comments box at the end	Sep 21, 2012 1:58 PM
4	Some of the question design could have been a little better thought through with more options, hence the "partly".	Sep 21, 2012 8:31 AM
5	there were some option that were missing e.g i live in a suburb but it is not particulary affluent or social housing.	Sep 21, 2012 5:20 AM
6	I am appalled at the question I have already flagged up.	Sep 18, 2012 3:28 PM
7	I think you are facist bastards. What you believe has fuck all to do with'religion'	Sep 18, 2012 7:24 AM
8	The question about whether other people behave in a way that mirrors what they believe was a bit unclear.	Sep 14, 2012 11:44 AM
9	Disability issues were not covered. In today's society, many are considered disabled either due to mental illness, physical ailments, or a combination of both. This complicates things a level further and in many cases will prevent Christians and non-Christians alike from attending churches (for various reasons).	Sep 13, 2012 6:50 PM
10	One ? was very difficult to understand how you were supposed to answer	Sep 13, 2012 8:29 AM
11	A lot of the questions seemed to imply you expect to be single long term. Some people might intend to be but I don't so I find it hard to think about literature or groups to help with singleness when I hope not to be single for long.	Sep 8, 2012 6:06 PM
12	Something like this should happen from a long time ago, then many singles would not end up missing their bodies.	Sep 7, 2012 4:02 PM
13	There were a couple of questions that need to be reworded as they don't make sense at all.	Sep 4, 2012 1:47 PM
14	Bit too long	Sep 4, 2012 1:27 PM
15	No	Sep 3, 2012 1:20 PM
16	It is very different being single and being a single carer and feel as if all have been grouped together	Sep 2, 2012 2:15 PM
17	I liked the questions with multiple choice, because it is hard to think of many sides to things on the spot. They provided ideas and angles with more subtlety than I would have come up with myself but could have been more precise in some instances, with more examples, such as the example I gave of not being invited to dinner by others in the church or invited out. Another example is New Wine. The same families usually go and talk amongst eachother, including the minister. The announcement to go to New Wine	Aug 29, 2012 11:52 AM

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and be included in the church family might appear once or twice in a newsletter but is not emphasised. I asked about joining the group late last year and was welcomed well enough, but still felt very much on my own (I had to sleep off site in a camping ground myself and travel in every day). I think I would have committed to going much earlier if there had been more enthusiasm about it and others who felt the same. It is hard for singles to join a bunch of families at New Wine, and yet I did not know other singles. It was still a good time and God spoke to me. I heard nothing through my Church this year about it and completely forgot about it as I was looking for a new home to share in the spring. I could have really benefitted this year. Maybe next year!

18	well done. helped to "tell" someone too!	Aug 28, 2012 3:29 AM
19	Nothing is going to get done on this subject	Aug 25, 2012 8:21 AM
20	I think whoever wrote the survey didn't have much experience in survey writing as quite a few questions were actually 2 questions so were hard to answer with one tick box Also one didn't make sense- the one about whether christians have sex before marriage- and the option was "don't really know" so the boxes didn't make sense	Aug 24, 2012 12:49 PM
21	A couple of questions that had the answers 'many people', 'a few people', etc. were ambiguous. I didn't really understand how to fill those in.	Aug 23, 2012 9:22 PM
22	It approached the subject from the general presumption that all single people see their singleness as a problem and would ideally like to be in a relationship. This is not necessarily the case.	Aug 22, 2012 2:45 PM
23	the root cause of singleness problems in the church when present, are not caused by singleness in people or by highlighting their status as special or different, it is helped by addressing teaching and treatment that grow out of other wrong attitudes	Aug 17, 2012 4:53 AM
24	I feel you need to look more at the older person how has come to terms with their life and singleness I did feel that some of the question's did not give option's for them	Aug 17, 2012 12:10 AM
25	Loneliness is a huge issue for single, older people. This was not addressed as an important issue in the survey.	Aug 16, 2012 1:15 AM
26	Well done	Aug 9, 2012 9:18 AM
27	I never realised singleness within the church was such a big issue - the questions made it sound potentially awful!	Aug 6, 2012 9:40 AM
28	There were a few poorly-worded questions, but it was mostly fine.	Aug 5, 2012 2:21 PM
29	Some questions with a rating scale were a little unclear. Sometimes wanted to explain why I'd given a puzzling answer.	Jul 30, 2012 6:12 AM
30	I think most people are afraid when they find themselves single through bereavement. I think I would like to feel more comfortable JUST friends for an initial period. If you are bereaved you understand the continuing love for the lost partner but if you are not you may find this difficult.	Jul 29, 2012 12:15 PM
31	Good survey...but it's only good if something is done and something is achieved. but as I said, a very good survey, at least this is a start. Thank you	Jul 27, 2012 12:11 PM

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	for caring enough to take time to understand the needs of singles.	
32	Maybe a bit too much about the views of other church members towards one's singleness. But this is probably personal bias, as my church has never discriminated against me because of my singleness and I can't understand why anyone would.	Jul 25, 2012 9:03 AM
33	it made some assumptions	Jul 24, 2012 7:54 AM
34	Excellent survey Jackie. THANK YOU. The only thing missing was cultural and denominational differences. Views on cross cultural/denominational dating, Demographics can help target church groups more effectively.	Jul 23, 2012 6:35 AM
35	Could have done with MORE open ended questions	Jul 22, 2012 1:48 AM
36	One question about other people's sexual behaviour had inappropriate answer options. The survey focused totally on the positive aspects of being a single christian in church and not the negative aspects of being single, such as being lonely, not having someone to share decisions with, lack of time and money (Having to do all your household tasks/ pay all bills etc out of one income).	Jul 20, 2012 3:27 AM
37	Being single is not important compared to other issues	Jul 19, 2012 1:49 PM
38	thankyou for being prepared to address this issue on our behalf	Jul 19, 2012 5:08 AM
39	Just 1 question was ambiguous.	Jul 17, 2012 3:12 PM
40	I think sexual behaviour and frustrations needed to be discussed a lot more, I bet most struggle with this and don't know what to do.	Jul 17, 2012 1:16 PM
41	it made me really think about the topic	Jul 16, 2012 10:42 AM
42	Far too long I gave up part way through	Jul 16, 2012 7:01 AM
43	Some of the questions seemed to me to assume that Christianity necessarily entails some of the clichés of evangelical Christian ways of thinking and talking about faith and life. By the way - I inputted my email address incorrectly on the last page and the site doesn't seem to want to let me go back and correct it, so here it is correctly: iscathcart@yahoo.fr	Jul 14, 2012 3:01 PM
44	Didn't really cover what the bible says about being single as much.	Jul 14, 2012 9:58 AM
45	I hoped for a component of the survey to address or admit that single people have sexual needs and how such needs can be dealt with, because that aspect of single peoples' lives is totally ignored and assumed that singles must succeed in allowing their flesh to die, otherwise they are condemned to sin	Jul 14, 2012 8:34 AM
46	One question didn't make sense (can't remember which one now though, sorry!) You had to tick one of 4 options for each answer to the question (some, all etc), but it was more of a simple tick question.	Jul 13, 2012 12:52 PM
47	Well done it was a good survey, apologies for my negativity!	Jul 12, 2012 12:43 PM
48	a few there was no box for what I thought and so was left blank	Jul 9, 2012 2:00 PM
49	It doesn't seem to be done by a Christian.	Jul 7, 2012 5:38 AM

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50	I think I could handle my life better if I lived close to my family. As my Church is small everyone has to do something and I find Church often boils down to meetings and administration (where I help out) and very little social activities.	Jul 6, 2012 2:57 PM
51	regarding sexuality I think single Christians who live according to Biblical teaching and stay away from sexual intimacy while dating or courting or try to avoid masturbation carry very hard burden. It's easy if you are 20 but very difficult if you are over 35 and still don't have a husband/wife.	Jul 6, 2012 2:09 AM
52	Sometimes the principal question (that didn't demand a specific response) sat awkwardly with its associated specific questions.	Jul 4, 2012 1:57 PM
53	Very leading questions in some cases.	Jul 3, 2012 3:52 PM
54	Very user friendly and thought provoking - made me realise how lucky I am with my life and my church!!!	Jul 3, 2012 7:56 AM
55	Only a couple of questions were a little obscure	Jul 3, 2012 2:36 AM
56	It would be good to know the outputs and outcomes the survey were working to.	Jul 3, 2012 1:07 AM
57	Some of the questions were a bit too specific with no room to actually say what I wanted to say although I did write in the comments box	Jul 3, 2012 12:33 AM
58	Yes, some of the wording made the questions a bit difficult to answer.	Jul 2, 2012 4:35 PM
59	In the case of answers where you could choose the option "Other", the box below didn't seem to work - probably a technical glitch but meant you couldn't choose that option.	Jul 2, 2012 2:32 PM
60	I think a seminar on how to make the most of dating websites would be helpful with positive and negative experiences shared sensitively	Jul 2, 2012 2:24 PM
61	Did not address the depth of need of those who are single.	Jul 2, 2012 1:46 PM
62	Would have been helpful to have extra boxes for adding comments sometimes.	Jul 2, 2012 1:21 PM
63	Single parent issues not reflected	Jul 2, 2012 1:06 PM
64	Generally a thorough and well worded questionnaire. A couple of questions were impossible to answer through bad wording but not bad/ Good options for adding own comments.	Jul 2, 2012 12:10 PM
65	Interesting and made me feel hopeful	Jul 2, 2012 11:27 AM
66	There seemed to be an assumption that singles are ignored or treated badly by the Church - I have never found this to be the case. I guess it varies between churches and I'm fortunate to be part of an inclusive community	Jul 2, 2012 10:52 AM
67	Regarding singles groups in church it did not take into consideration previous experiences survey participants may have had. Having been patronised and made to feel sinful by a previous leader of such a group as I would like to be married, I would be very reticent to be involved in such a damaging group again	Jul 1, 2012 2:21 PM

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68	for some of the questions a chose of neither agree /nor disagree may have been better than /don't know.	Jun 29, 2012 12:05 PM
69	The wording of some questions was very confusing and the grammatical errors were annoying. I found the questions referring to singleness as an "issue" that needs to be addressed and highlighted to be somewhat patronising.	Jun 28, 2012 3:53 PM
70	Surprised there were so many options of answer that went against Biblical teaching. Sobering to think you'd be expecting these responses. May God have mercy.	Jun 28, 2012 9:18 AM
71	having comment boxes was particularly useful to clarify things.	Jun 26, 2012 12:57 PM
72	Things change the longer single again, also hard to start looking at 50-55 things different when dated at 17-20	Jun 26, 2012 10:05 AM
73	half a million Iraqis were recently murdered by a joint british/us invasion force (led by christian leaders blair and bush). i think this is a far more important issue than - MY - sexual preferences.	Jun 24, 2012 4:01 PM
74	It seemed to be baised into making singles not fit into what the church is. That is the reason for all the extra comments - apologies if they weren't connected to the questions where the comments boxes were.	Jun 23, 2012 7:12 AM
75	some questions ambiguous, or shoudl be poss to tick more than one! Some American spellings &c. wish there was popssiblity to save partially completed surbev!	Jun 22, 2012 3:37 PM
76	I feel I have addresses several of the issues in that I'm not just starting out as single now, I've worked at trying to find a biblical perspective on female church leadership and singleness. Some of your question imply you are addressing people new to singleness but as your stats show 33% of us are single in the UK so some of those as Christian singles will have been facing these issues and living with and coming to terms with them for a while	Jun 22, 2012 3:19 PM
77	I don't understand why you are doing this - what's so 'special' about being single? I don't see that there are particular issues about being a single Christian - the problem for many people is being single - but that's partly a state of mind - accept it and get on with life - it's for living not wasting while looking for a possible partner.	Jun 22, 2012 8:49 AM
78	I think you made being single sound like something to be embarrassed about and with a stigma and I think this is completely wrong. The way some of the questions were worded made it sound like it was a terrible stigma - not really very helpful, survey questions should be unbiased	Jun 22, 2012 8:15 AM
79	It asked some q's that you couldn't possibly answer accurately having never been married. It also seemed to ask some leading q's that didn't have a box to expand on. e.g. being single doesn't mean you can serve God better. You can serve Him whether you are single or married. I don't think either status is superior, they are just different.	Jun 22, 2012 6:57 AM
80	Although I am completely heterosexual I feel very upset at Christian's attitudes to gay and lesbian people. As long as the 'Church' continues to be judgemental and contradicitive in it's teaching it's hope of bringing more people to God will be unfulfilled.	Jun 22, 2012 5:14 AM

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81	Some of the questions were not very clear or didn't make too much sense. Also, it would be helpful to try and find out some of the reasons people are single, and whether it is by choice, design or other circumstances.	Jun 21, 2012 2:00 PM
82	Granted that for some people, the state of singleness is really difficult - they desire to be married. You cover that ok. However, in my experience both single and married, the issue of belonging to church and feeling comfortable in community is one of social ease and interaction with others rather than singleness per se. Those who are able to easily mix with others do not struggle so much with singleness compared to those with little social/interactive skills. The former easily build friendships, the latter do not and tend to segregate to "singles clubs/ groups". Greater teaching on what it means to be the body of Christ and drawing everyone into community rather than just the socially gifted would be of more help than say a dedicated singles website/resource.	Jun 21, 2012 6:15 AM
83	singledom is not an issue to be solved - we are people just like the marrieds	Jun 21, 2012 4:59 AM
84	What did Jesus teach on divorce?	Jun 21, 2012 1:52 AM
85	I think being single is v important but it's about being seen as whole not damaged and having opportunity. Married doesn't equal perfect but Churches portray that. Some questions were a bit 'leading'	Jun 20, 2012 10:17 PM
86	Never been asked these questions before. Very glad is singleness is being addressed. Thanks	Jun 20, 2012 3:09 PM
87	The initial questions about 'acceptance' were unhelpful. Single people are accepted in the church. The issue is that the challenges they face are not acknowledged and ministered to the same ways as married Christians and families are supported.	Jun 20, 2012 12:22 PM
88	I wasn't sure how to answer some of the questions from my point of view as a recently married Christian - so I did as best as I could.	Jun 20, 2012 9:57 AM
89	Would have been good to ask questions about race ie would you marry outside of your race, also age: ie do you feel disadvantaged as a single 40' 50 or 60 plus.	Jun 20, 2012 8:29 AM
90	I would have liked a question along the lines of "what are the problems or issues you have that you would most like help with?"	Jun 20, 2012 8:02 AM
91	You could have asked what is the most difficult issue you are encountering?	Jun 20, 2012 7:38 AM
92	You should have done this a long time ago. How about approaching the leaders of the big churches like HTB, All Souls, Jesus House, Hillsong, Equipers, Planetshakers, Kensington Temple etc, etc present them with the results of the survey and ask them what they are going to do to help single Christian of ALL ages, not just the young. I know El Shaddi in North London has had some very good conferences.	Jun 20, 2012 4:20 AM
93	I think that the childlessness issue is a important as from my experience things seem to revolve around children and youth	Jun 20, 2012 3:54 AM
94	I could be biased but I think there is a bigger issue specifically for women in their 30's not only in regards to being single but also where they fit in, as most people at this age are either married, or established ministry wise, and we no longer fit into the 20 something category, so it's a bit of a strange	Jun 20, 2012 1:44 AM

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	place to be at times.	
95	there was one set of 3 questions somewhere in the middle of the questionnaire where the options didn't really make sense: they went from all to don't know i think.	Jun 19, 2012 2:35 PM
96	A few of the questions had in-built assumptions which weren't true for me, hence I couldn't always choose from the options.	Jun 19, 2012 2:33 PM
97	I felt the survey preached at me a bit presuming immaturity and or lack of intellectual ability or theological understanding on my part. I have never experienced this in church or from fellow Christians. So take note.	Jun 19, 2012 12:15 PM
98	The issue of involuntary childlessness was not covered at all and is a very big issue. I would like to see questions around the attitude of members of your church to you as a single person - this is often kind but patronising and unrealistic 'you'll find someone', looking down on you, ignorance or insensitivity. There needs to be a general comments box at the end. There was more I wanted to say but couldn't. I wanted to add that research shows that married people are happier, healthier, wealthier and live longer than single people - these hidden costs are not recognised by church or taken into account in teaching or ministry. The people who need to be made aware of the issue of singleness, and attend a conference on singleness, are not single people but the leadership and the rest of the congregation.	Jun 19, 2012 9:56 AM
99	There was only one question which I wasn't sure how to interpret	Jun 18, 2012 1:14 PM
100	Singles very much need to be welcomed and accepted, but I am not sure that a strong focus is helpful - it can turn into a meat market or something cheesy.	Jun 18, 2012 7:47 AM
101	A lot of spelling mistakes and grammatical errors!	Jun 16, 2012 4:06 PM
102	situations vary and answers cannot cover all scenarios. that is understandable with surveys.	Jun 15, 2012 9:12 AM
103	About time these issues were raised and hopefully addressed!	Jun 12, 2012 1:45 PM
104	Possibly more of the 'sensitive' questions. Go for it! Make the survey really work.	Jun 12, 2012 11:06 AM
105	Check spellings! Ensure single focus to any given question Ensure question is relevant to topic	Jun 12, 2012 4:06 AM
106	It now makes me feel I am not on my own with singleness like I thought I was.	Jun 10, 2012 4:29 PM
107	One set of questions (the ones ranging from 'all, most, not sure etc.) made no sense with the ratings.	Jun 9, 2012 12:54 PM
108	There were several questions where none of the set responses really fitted with how I felt, eg a partner would support my faith - I really wanted to say it would depend on the partner. Some of the questions made me think about issues I hadn't considered before	Jun 9, 2012 4:33 AM
109	I find the very strong focus on the single issue very difficult - I feel a bit like it magnifies the issue. But I also agree it is something I struggle with a lot as a Christian, so I probably need to work on how I engage with it with others!	Jun 9, 2012 1:58 AM

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110	It's all about sex. 'Love' wasn't mentioned once!	Jun 8, 2012 11:26 AM
111	I found some of the questions to be quite ambiguous or just badly worded. For some questions there was an assumption already made in the question and possible answers	Jun 8, 2012 9:52 AM
112	The survey comes across a tad too evangelical for me. Most of the people on your website are already divorced and have wrestled and worked through many of the issues you raise.	Jun 7, 2012 10:10 PM
113	difficult to know what to say about assisting with singleness, ie assisting people to come together...it appears hard work.	Jun 7, 2012 3:42 PM
114	It would have made more sense to ask questions specific to single parents (especially the question relating to independence, lack of responsibility, holidays etc)	Jun 7, 2012 1:08 PM
115	Masturbation wasn't mentioned and you merged the distinctions with Christianity/Non-Christian and being single.	Jun 6, 2012 10:12 AM
116	A few seemed like they were asking two similar but different questions in one that I had different answers for	Jun 6, 2012 10:04 AM
117	A couple of the questions were a bit confusing. There could possibly have been some distinction between the different ages - I think single people of different ages have hugely different feelings and attitudes. therefore the focus of the questions could be different for different age groups	Jun 6, 2012 3:57 AM
118	Some of the questions (shortly before Question 34 springs to mind) were not really possible to answer with the framework provided. You ought to check this out and fix it, but will need to bear in mind that you will not then be able to use all of the results from before and after the fix as the same thing.	Jun 5, 2012 4:02 PM
119	One question didn't make sense. it was the first one about sex I think.	Jun 5, 2012 2:42 PM
120	I appreciate this is an important issues in the church but it seems that the fundamental issue is that singles in the church are given the identity as "singles". we do not talk about "marrieds" or "widowers" in the same way, surely we are all brothers and sisters in Christ with varying giftings and needs, and we should seek to serve and carry each others burdens in love.	Jun 5, 2012 2:12 PM
121	I think maybe it would help to have a section for those who have been married and are now single especially as parents.	Jun 5, 2012 2:05 PM
122	Some questions were either 'yes' or 'no' and they needed a middle answer.	Jun 5, 2012 1:07 PM
123	A few of the questions lacked sufficient responses, as I indicated.	Jun 5, 2012 11:54 AM
124	THere was one question that wasn't clear - where the possible answers included some	Jun 5, 2012 11:12 AM
125	It was very general and not necessarily all relevant to my circumstances/situation.	Jun 5, 2012 10:34 AM
126	I would have liked it to cover more. I know I'm not alone and many Christian girlfriends are also left with wanting children. If you are over 37 there is a really hard choice as it is much easier to date non-Christians with a high chance of getting married and having children or do you stay single and hold	Jun 5, 2012 10:26 AM

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	out for a Chritian husband which is much much less likely and never have children.	
127	The divorce person or widow has a different view of singleness	Jun 5, 2012 10:06 AM
128	Would be v interested to see the results to see what others think. I think cc should organise more regional/northern events and not be so tied to London and the south though.	Jun 5, 2012 9:57 AM
129	I found the wording of one of the questions difficult to understand (I can't remember which!)	Jun 5, 2012 9:44 AM
130	I think I have made enough comments in my survey to be getting on with for the time being! :D	Jun 4, 2012 5:31 PM
131	Not all of the questions had answers to cover all possibilities (I can't remember which off the top of my head), and some of the questions seemed to suppose that the answerer would share the same view implied in the question, so only sought 'one half' of the range of possible answers. (again, I can't remember which). It would also be interesting to have some questions about how people understand singleness in the context of their christian tradition. I think that the christian tradition is quite rich in having a lot of concepts of singleness and single living that people with little knowledge of it must miss out on (I'm not sure how other religions compare in this respect). It would also be interesting to examine and understand denominational differences in the conception of singleness: if I had to guess then I would assume that this survey was written from an evangelical perspective, which I believe is generally tradition-impooverished, and perhaps that is one of the reasons that singleness is sometimes perceived as problematic among evanglicals? (i.e. I think evangelicals tend to discard their own past along with the traditions of others, instead focussing wholly on the here-and-now, and as such have fewer concepts with which to understand the world)	Jun 4, 2012 11:19 AM
132	Feel like some of questions missed the point-for me being a single Christian is painful because I'm in the minority. What is most difficult is not having a good social life, because nearly all my friends are married with children and not having anyone to go on holiday with.	Jun 4, 2012 5:44 AM
133	Some of the questions were a bit misleading and some appeared biased. My biggest disappointment was at the end when I discovered only people who gave their eml address would receive the results. Why not publish them on Christian Connection? What is to stop one person completing the survey more than once?	Jun 3, 2012 12:28 PM
134	A lot of it seemed to be about sex and the church's supposed teaching on it. Not sure where that was going. There are more issues around inclusion for me, as most things at my church are geared towards families.	Jun 3, 2012 9:14 AM
135	Some questions generally did not make sense e.g. the one about not knowing about other peoples habits with various options including all, most etc...	Jun 3, 2012 6:18 AM
136	the question on what the person answering the questions thought about the practice of Christians in relation to Christian teaching/ belief was not as clear as it might have been (the one which had three parts)	Jun 3, 2012 5:51 AM
137	There were a couple of times that the questions didn't leave open the answer I wanted to give.	Jun 2, 2012 5:11 PM

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138	christian connection meet ups ristrict age of both sexes in a very traditional way, what I mean is I am 38 and I do not really want to meet guys over 40...but you always put women at 38 and over in the same bracket with men even 10 years older...I am angry with you at times cause of that :)	Jun 1, 2012 5:18 PM
139	Might have been interesting to talk about why Christian dating sites and events are not very successful.	May 29, 2012 10:12 PM
140	Some of the questions were difficult to understand - they needed a cold read before publishing.	May 28, 2012 1:41 AM
141	one of the question and responses wasn't quite clear- the one relating to sex before marriage- the responses didn't make sense.	May 27, 2012 1:35 PM
142	Many of the disciples were single, so I think "singleness" should be seen in a positive light, but we need companions. Jesus sent them out in two's	May 27, 2012 7:51 AM
143	Singleness is really not an issue for me. I think it's dangerous to try and make it one, or in any way to encourage people to think this is their identity!	May 25, 2012 1:24 PM
144	It was good - occasionally not enough choice	May 25, 2012 9:31 AM
145	The questions about whether I think other people follow the teaching about sexuality were badly worded and confusing. So I skipped them!	May 25, 2012 6:39 AM
146	Long overdue and good to know others feel like I do	May 25, 2012 3:56 AM
147	Not sure what will come of it though!?	May 24, 2012 2:22 PM
148	Some questions were unclear but mainly they were clear.	May 24, 2012 2:13 PM
149	Too long!	May 24, 2012 9:22 AM
150	I personally feel that the issues of singleness would not be so difficult if church communities related differently. How can anyone feel part of a family that they see twice a week on average? I have big questions as to how 'church' is expressed/done in the majority of the UK.	May 24, 2012 3:04 AM
151	The questions felt quite negatively skewed and miss the whole area of personal responsibility.	May 23, 2012 2:44 PM
152	some questions were bias towards agreeing rather than being neutral. Also there was not a lot on inclusion but exclusion, i think inclusion in things is better than having a "single's ministry"	May 22, 2012 10:57 PM
153	A little limited in perspective of single parents, or people previously married.	May 22, 2012 1:51 PM
154	some of the questions were not worded clearly enogh	May 22, 2012 11:54 AM
155	It is a very important issue. Churches should encourage singles to take part in mission work and church work if they want to, as it is a good opportunity for those without commitment.	May 22, 2012 9:11 AM
156	I am slightly concerned this survey infers that being single is a problem. Is it not more important to encourage people to accept their singleness is part of God's plan for their lives and for them to accept and embrace this. I appreciate that society as a whole can see singleness as a 'problem' but think the church should not do so.	May 21, 2012 2:36 PM

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157	There were some questions that I couldn't be sure about that needed qualifying and I hope I did that in my comments.	May 21, 2012 1:16 PM
158	Didn't address loneliness & companionship and feelings	May 21, 2012 12:14 PM
159	Some of the questions didn't quite make sense, so I wasn't quite sure what was being asked (that was only a couple of them though). Otherwise I thought many of the questions were very good and put a very positive spin on singleness, which is very refreshing. Thank you for doing the survey - it's very timely as my Elders are researching and addressing this topic at the moment :o) I look forward to seeing the results.	May 21, 2012 11:56 AM
160	Some questions could not be answered at all - there was no correct option available or the question had two parts which conflicted. Most key areas were touched on, but not enough scope for clarification and comments (I put some key points in comments for questions which were not really the right place for the points I raise)	May 20, 2012 6:49 PM
161	I like the fact religion is taking a active role.	May 18, 2012 8:20 PM
162	I don't think the survey - I think form America this is done -( I know about the survey Monkey) - the Christian survey and prepared by Christians. It is a shame. Non-Christians are trying to rule and some people in Christian Leadership is allowing this but we know the end God wins. Lost focus.	May 18, 2012 2:17 AM
163	There was one question where the answer options were not appropriate to the question being asked. Unfortunately I don't remember which question as I didn't realise I'd be commenting on the survey format afterwards.	May 17, 2012 2:31 PM
164	The elephant in the room was sexual behaviour! Singleness is ok in society and in church; it is with sexual behaviour that the divergence causes tension.	May 17, 2012 6:56 AM
165	kind of magnifies singleness instead of embrace or encourage state im in.	May 15, 2012 8:43 AM
166	Some questions were hard to answer with the given scale. Also hard to see how far through I was.	May 14, 2012 9:20 AM
167	Took 25 minutes to complete - and I read very fast and didn't answer many of the free text questions!	May 14, 2012 6:10 AM
168	The problem with singleness is more the lonliness than the problem of finding someone. More help is needed to cope with the situation as it is - finding a partner is not always the answer.	May 13, 2012 8:18 AM
169	as a church leader there were questions where I didn't think that you had anticipated that respondents might be church leaders!!	May 12, 2012 8:27 AM
170	Got to go ...am all behind sorry	May 12, 2012 8:23 AM
171	Also need to address sexual issues in marriage like 1. Positions 2.Oral sex. Many christians find such topics a Taboo, but in reality,when you get married, anything can come on you, and you have to be prepared, as you do not know the other persons propensity and expectations!	May 12, 2012 4:54 AM
172	no mention was made of the issue of childlessness which is a painful result of not being married	May 12, 2012 12:01 AM
173	I was in a church with lots of youngsingles who gradually married off. Started	May 11, 2012 1:36 PM

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dating my ex-husband age 28, married at 30, split up at 38, divorced at 39, now 41. Two young daughters. So not all Q's relevant and my feelings prob v diff to a never married & no kids person.

174	It seemed to be determined to drive me towards a view that my singleness was a problem that the church should sort out for me.	May 11, 2012 8:52 AM
175	It could have been prepared better. It was understandable, but had some repeated words like 'and and' and 'against against'. It might just need a re-read a day after, or being put through a spell & grammar checker.	May 10, 2012 1:43 PM
176	The question about what I think about whether other people are having sex outside marriage or not was particularly unclear. Sometimes your strongly agree/agree etc answers were unbalanced (skewed towards positive outcomes)	May 10, 2012 11:42 AM
177	There were some questions where i wanted to clarify or add text to explain my answer and there wasn't a comment box. There were no questions about involvement in church activities - the friend that walked away from the church was being pressurised into working in the sunday school even though she says that she has no maternal instincts and has no desire to get married and have children.	May 10, 2012 11:27 AM
178	A couple of the questions were poorly worded, and I found it difficult to select an answer. Particularly questions 34 & 38.	May 10, 2012 6:28 AM
179	Children were not a factor at all in this survey, and they are surely important to the issue of marriage. Furthermore, issues such as being open to life and whether or not to use contraception, etc, are important factors when finding a marriage partner.	May 10, 2012 3:22 AM
180	Some question were pretty bad and should be revisited if possible.	May 9, 2012 12:39 PM
181	The question about whether people think Christian singles are sexually active is confusing - the buttons don't make sense.	May 9, 2012 12:18 PM
182	As I've said before, I think the survey format had a number of areas which could be improved. I'm quite concerned that you risk skewing your data given a large number of leading questions and assumptions that you have made. These are often implicit in the questions. Would recommend you contact an organisations such as British Associations of Christians in Psychology for professional advice on research skills. If you would like to get in touch with myself to discuss survey format, I would be more than happy for you to do so: b.j.newton@gmx.com With Kind Regards, Ben Newton.	May 9, 2012 12:13 PM
183	I realise it's about singles. but for me single parents need even more support and help.	May 9, 2012 3:21 AM
184	a couple of the questions were worded in a really confusing way but most were fine.	May 9, 2012 3:20 AM
185	Some questions need to be less ambiguous. Most of the questions had a negative tone. There were no postive questions like "what does your church do well for singles"	May 8, 2012 10:19 PM
186	Singleness and being alone is a new epidemic and go hand in hand. The breakdown of marriage and family started it. Now you see other cultures who traditionally upheld the family through to the great grandparents are	May 8, 2012 11:41 AM

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breaking apart as the younger generations are less and less interested in looking after their older generations. So, the older generations are alone more...just saw a news feature on Japan on this very subject. I have talked to Indians, Pakistanis, Chinese, Afghanis on this subject and they say same thing. Social media is driving people to communicate digitally vs phone or face to face. We are becoming separated from human touch more and more.

187	it was too long!!	May 8, 2012 2:16 AM
188	Question 32 did not seem to make sense.	May 7, 2012 2:50 PM
189	One or two of the longer questions at the beginning were worded slightly unclearly. Also, questions about age etc. are usually put at the end as they are more personal and people are more likely to answer them once they are a bit 'warmed up'. And, the confidentiality statement at the beginning says that only statistical information will be published but the survey has a lot of open questions and I wonder how you will report them, as you have said by this statement (about only publishing statistics) that you won't be using quotes. I think the questions covered the main issues to do with singleness for Christians and were very thoughtful and thorough.	May 7, 2012 12:37 PM
190	Would have liked more questions around single men vs single women as I think many people just don't understand the differing impact of singleness where gender is concerned. Especially in more patriarchal church structures.THANKS for the survey, hope I wasn't too negative!	May 7, 2012 12:19 PM
191	yes- just a book recommendation - read Shawn Bolz 'the non religious guide to Dating and being Single' It's what everyone should read and take in! Truly a great book.	May 7, 2012 10:02 AM
192	The buttons for the questions on this page don't work! I would answer Yes to all above I think, although I found question 28 confusing as the options didn't seem to fit the statements.	May 7, 2012 8:19 AM
193	I had to read a few questions through a couple of times and wasn't always sure exactly what the question was asking.	May 7, 2012 4:32 AM
194	I have one major issue with anything to do with this survey, and that is with the intro at the beginning. It said that for the purposes of the survey divorced etc people are considered single. Well, as someone who has gone through a divorce, I put myself down as single. The reason is this: I went THROUGH a divorce into to become single again, ie no longer connected to my abusive and adulterous ex-husband. I have experienced healing and the deepest love and protection from God, but every time I am expected to label myself in a way that still connects me to my ex, it's like I'm being held in something that I have supposedly escaped from, and that is wrong and cruel. As I've said, I went THROUGH a divorce, I am not still in it!	May 6, 2012 6:46 PM
195	I found it rather patronising about singleness issues.	May 6, 2012 1:28 PM
196	It felt already biased towards singleness as 'an issue' that defines people. I think it could be more balanced as to the differing views on singleness. I worry that Christians can make it the biggest issue rather than encourage single people to be rounded, faith filled and walking in God's plan for their life.	May 6, 2012 1:27 PM
197	There was one question with answers 'all', 'most' or 'some' that made no	May 6, 2012 12:58 PM

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sense. I hope my answers to that will not skew the results. Overall I felt the survey addressed a non-existent problem. I do not perceive a great unattended need for ministry to singles.		
198	some questions were ambiguous	May 6, 2012 12:41 PM
199	There were a couple of questions where the responses didn't make sense in the light of the question but I can't remember what they were. I think one was the first question in the group that was about other Christians practising their beliefs about sex being kept within marriage.	May 6, 2012 9:27 AM
200	It was hard to answer some of the question as they had two parts to them, so could answer truely one element but not the other, so I had to decide for the best, would have been better to be clearer in the questoning on these specific ones.	May 6, 2012 7:57 AM
201	there were some questions which were vague (can't remember which now)	May 6, 2012 1:14 AM
202	I there was a presumption that being single was 'to be fixed'.	May 6, 2012 1:12 AM
203	There were a couple of questions where it ask a question, to which the multiple choice answers may have been relevant, but the additional questions under the main question confused it - can't remember which questions they are though!	May 5, 2012 2:36 PM
204	You need to make it clear if when talking about 'church' if you mean church in general or my specific church each time. Also you need to focus on what support networks single people have i.e family, friends (christian or non), church members, are these married, single, divorced etc. How do people feel about not have children or the prospect of not having a family.	May 5, 2012 8:23 AM
205	being a single Foster Carer, put me in a league of my own, I sometimes have children but not my own.	May 5, 2012 4:46 AM
206	I had to read some of the questions twice to get what was being asked.	May 5, 2012 12:46 AM
207	It's really important to get the wording and length of survey right. i think this one did pretty well.	May 4, 2012 11:11 PM
208	Some questions were not clearly phrased, especially where the title seems like a valid question, then there are further questions each with e.g. a row of 5 opinions to choose. Q32 badly needs recasting. Consider also Q37, Q41. Some questions do not offer all opinions, or are loaded (especially by linking two ideas such as [fictional] "I don't mind, though it's a really important issue".) The headings for rows of e.g. 5 options changed a lot, and are not obvious enough - I filled in one assuming it was 'strongly agree' to 'strongly disagree', then found it wasn't and had to redo. Thanks for reading this!	May 4, 2012 4:17 PM
209	Really a bit too long... after 25 questions I' didn't really want to do any more.... Some of the question could have been condensed together.....	May 4, 2012 2:54 PM
210	The question regarding other people opinions and adherance to 'no sex before marriage' was badly worded to make it unclear as to how to answer.	May 4, 2012 2:21 PM
211	It is too long and I do not wish to take any more survey from you in future.	May 4, 2012 1:07 PM
212	Apologies for anything that I have not answered clearly enough	May 4, 2012 12:54 PM

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213	A small number of questions had double sections so trying to answer two parts with one response...	May 4, 2012 12:46 PM
214	Pretty much covered all bases.	May 4, 2012 12:22 PM
215	Some questions struck me as somewhat leading, others unclear. Also, while somewhat inevitable in a survey of this nature, tonally it struck me as perhaps overstating the seriousness of this as an issue. I obviously feel the issue as a single Christian who's very aware of being surrounded by married people whom I would dearly love to emulate, but that doesn't mean I think it's in the top 5 issues facing churches today.	May 4, 2012 8:05 AM
216	Some of the questions could have been phrased better.	May 4, 2012 6:08 AM
217	Some questions were a bit leading, e.g. the ones on sex before marriage were based on the premise that all Christian teaching was against this. Some questions were difficult to answer as the truth is more complex than a tick box allows for.	May 4, 2012 4:33 AM
218	It would be good for churches to use this tool to hear the voices of single people	May 4, 2012 4:19 AM
219	How about considering the topic of why people are single and how people cope with the break down of relationships / making lasting commitments. The reason most women remain unmarried is because men do not always have the courage to make a lasting commitment. There seems to be a lot of men in our society today both christian and non christian who like female companionship but are frightened of making a lasting commitment. Many are put off by the thought that marriage ends in divorce and that when people marry the relationship changes for the worse not the better.	May 4, 2012 2:27 AM
220	I think a lot of the issues are relevant to other Christians, that it is important to recognise specific circumstances but people should not be seen primarily in terms of their marital status.	May 3, 2012 2:35 PM
221	Some of the questions implied that all churches have the same universal teaching about sexuality. This could not be further from the truth. Even within some denominations there is a variety of teaching on the subject, and some denominations don't have specific doctrine or policy.	May 3, 2012 1:56 PM
222	I found the first half, the response options too black and white needed one inbetween like 'sometimes' besides the option of agree or disagree.	May 3, 2012 1:38 PM
223	One or two questions nearer the end were difficult to answer as the questions did not tie in with the tick boxes	May 3, 2012 12:45 PM
224	Some of the answers will be very different for younger single Christians than older ones. I feel very differently being single now in my 40s than I did in my 30s.	May 3, 2012 11:58 AM
225	Don't really see the point. Don't need the sex questions, not important. What IS important is people's relationship to Jesus/God.	May 3, 2012 11:39 AM
226	I hope some good comes of the survey.	May 3, 2012 11:23 AM
227	Good survey covering important issues.	May 3, 2012 10:55 AM
228	only 1 question unclear - i didn't answer it.	May 3, 2012 10:47 AM

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229	I have never been asked these questions before	May 3, 2012 9:46 AM
230	Some of your questions are a little insensitive.	May 3, 2012 9:13 AM
231	Some questions didn't read quite right	May 3, 2012 8:35 AM
232	In places the tone of the survey was made me uncomfortable, making singles sound like another species. We are just people who have either not married yet or are divorced. We have the same needs as everyone else and I am not sure how helpful it is to put us box as having different needs. I've been happy and unhappy as both a single person and a married person and don't think this is a staus issue. You make the most of life that God gave you!	May 3, 2012 6:54 AM
233	A couple of open-ended questions were very unclear. Could have asked more questions about why people have remained single.	May 3, 2012 5:45 AM
234	There should be opportunity to comment after each section and not just on either 'other' or when you feel additional information is required as there were moments when I wanted to tick more than one answer and provide reason for this.	May 3, 2012 5:17 AM
235	I think a box on how we perceive faith and spirituality could have been place in there. There was a clearmarker that god has a plan for you. I dont happen to believe that- as i think ultimately ewe ar called to be within god.	May 3, 2012 4:19 AM
236	Some of the heading on the tick boxes didn't seem to match the questions clearly.	May 3, 2012 1:22 AM
237	Too many comment boxes that ask for long explanations - don't want to fill them in.	May 2, 2012 11:59 PM
238	I think there are a lot of singles that do not have a meet up place to meet with each other, where as the worldly singles go to pubs and clubs.	May 2, 2012 11:16 PM
239	Some questions made no sense at all, particularly no. 32, it had multiple answers that couldn't be mated with the questions. e.g. Q= "I really don't know what other people do" A="Most" This question was really badly executed, I would've liked to be able to answer something meaningful since I know of people who have been affected by this issue.	May 2, 2012 8:43 PM
240	im so glad you have raised this issue and honoured peoples need thank you	May 2, 2012 5:14 PM
241	One set of questions I left blank as the possible responses didn't make sense	May 2, 2012 3:32 PM
242	Some questions were badly worded and so ambiguous.	May 2, 2012 3:21 PM
243	Some questions had two parts do I agreed or disagreed with one part but not the other. There were no questions linked to 'I find it difficult being single but trust God has my life in hand' or 'I'd dearly love to be married - but question why God may not want this' It slanted quite negatively towards singles having real issues about the way others treat them.	May 2, 2012 3:07 PM
244	Took too long, longer than indicated before the survey started. Would have been better if had better idea of length.	May 2, 2012 2:56 PM
245	Some questions weren't that clear and I'm not sure how useful some of the information you get will be in terms of being able to analyse due to some of	May 2, 2012 2:27 PM

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	the questions format.	
246	Its ok. Maybe we should be looking at monastic movements too	May 2, 2012 2:07 PM
247	the question with the answers 'all, most, some etc did not make sense.	May 2, 2012 2:05 PM
248	would like to know how the outcome of this survey will be communicated to individuals?	May 2, 2012 1:58 PM
249	THANK YOU for caring enough to start a survey. Please carry on with this work. It means a lot to me and all the singles out there.	May 2, 2012 1:55 PM
250	I think different age groups would answer quite differently	May 2, 2012 1:17 PM
251	It does focus on sex rather too much.	May 2, 2012 1:08 PM
252	Good survey!	May 2, 2012 1:04 PM
253	Feel it was more focused on young singles, rather than divorced or widowed	May 2, 2012 12:32 PM
254	The first question didn't seem to make sense.	May 2, 2012 12:15 PM
255	The wording of some questions was unclear and in some cases it was not clear if they were positively or negatively worded	May 2, 2012 12:08 PM
256	It dealt with the issues that I as a single Christian am currently facing. The questions about how the Church could change direction were very relevant.	May 2, 2012 12:06 PM
257	There were several questions which weren't clear, or the options you could choose from didn't seem like they were labelled correctly	May 2, 2012 12:04 PM
258	I found the questionnaire helpful.	May 2, 2012 11:50 AM
259	Some of the answers did not make any sense in relation to the questions.	May 2, 2012 11:47 AM
260	Several of the questions were poorly framed, with limited options. There were a number of spelling mistakes. I feel that it could have probed more into issues such as the nature of persons' social groups, other areas of sexual morality (e.g. pornography use), expectations and understanding of dating, views on biblical gender roles and how they play into partner choice, etc.	May 2, 2012 11:42 AM
261	It was not clear on some of the questions how to answer, whether to tick one statement or more. Also the phrasing of some questions was not very clear.	May 2, 2012 11:32 AM
262	Space for more additional comments.	May 2, 2012 11:22 AM
263	Interesting survey, thanks. I guess because I'm single again, it might have been nice to have a bit of exploration on 'how' I feel - you know, a few tickbox 'words' with descriptions. However, that may be more suited to a 'newly single again' scenario. Ta.	May 2, 2012 10:59 AM
264	1. Some of the multiple choices were too restrictive.	May 2, 2012 10:53 AM
265	some questions were not very clear and the options did not seem to tally with the question asked.	May 2, 2012 10:52 AM
266	I am actually sick of discussing the topic of singleness. I find it infinitely boring discussing it with female friends and tend to switch off, how many	May 2, 2012 10:50 AM

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	times can you have the same conversation.	
267	Assumes singleness is most important issue. How about a question such as on a scale of 1-10 how much do you think about you'd relationship status.	May 2, 2012 10:47 AM
268	one of the first few questions abou how people outside the church see singleness (yes/no/not sure answers) was a bit incomprehensible..	May 2, 2012 10:12 AM
269	I felt some of the questions I would have answered differently but there was no the option to add "other" like in some questions.	May 2, 2012 9:43 AM
270	Some of the questions didn't give options that applied to me and didn't give enough context. Also some I'd have liked to explain my tick box answer more fully.	May 2, 2012 9:38 AM
271	some questions were two long and could have been two questions , i ddi mention this at the time cant remember which ones now	May 2, 2012 9:21 AM
272	Could have included the issue of childlessness - another way that the church sometimes makes us feel useless!	May 2, 2012 9:15 AM
273	Questions too personal about sex and sexuality	May 2, 2012 9:05 AM
274	Some questions were not particularly clear. There were also a few errors in spelling and repeated words that made the meaning of some questions unclear.	May 2, 2012 8:57 AM
275	I was confused how to answer the questions about whether Christians really keep to no sex before marriage (think it was about qu 32?)	May 2, 2012 8:44 AM
276	More questions could have done with boxes for additional comments.	May 2, 2012 8:27 AM
277	biased towards single people and not single parents didn't cover divorce	May 2, 2012 8:13 AM
278	Think someof the words were not specific enough. For instance I believe you can be happy but unfullfilled. You can be grateful for things and be happy but I find that you can still be unfulfilled.	May 2, 2012 7:54 AM
279	It is good to discover that someone is taking this issue seriously. Too often it is 'brushed under the carpet' and one is made to feel guilty for raising it.	May 2, 2012 7:47 AM
280	Very well thought through survey	May 2, 2012 7:31 AM
281	I don't believe the questions on sexuality were anyone's business except my own. Not because I have any issues just because that is a very private area of my life.	May 2, 2012 7:13 AM
282	looking at going out with people not the same race as one self	May 2, 2012 7:10 AM
283	the first question about sex, with the responses all, most...didn't really make sense to me. The structure and question didn't all hang together	May 2, 2012 7:07 AM
284	At times, I didn't have the right thing to tick. Sometimes True would have been helpful for some of the questions.	May 2, 2012 7:05 AM
285	It didn't cover things like isolation, teaching, equipping leaders to lead singles	May 2, 2012 6:31 AM
286	N/A	May 2, 2012 6:26 AM

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287	Some of the question could be rather challenging/provocative to longstanding Christians.	May 2, 2012 6:03 AM
288	no mention of the reason people should marry Because they are in love whether christian or non christian	May 2, 2012 5:56 AM
289	The initial question on how we thought others followed teaching on sex before marriage was not particularly clear.	May 2, 2012 5:54 AM
290	my main issue is being single, not understanding singless or attending groups to discuss it. i just want to find a partner.	May 2, 2012 5:53 AM
291	I think the issues are going to be viewed differently by everyone, I have a really positive experience as a single person in the church, but appreciate it will be different for everyone.	May 2, 2012 5:32 AM
292	Sometimes I wanted to add explanatory information and there wasn't the opportunity on some questions	Apr 21, 2012 10:38 AM