

## WHOEVER DIVORCES & REMARRIES COMMITS ADULTERY

("He Said What?" Shocking Statements of Jesus- Part 4)

October 7, 2018

Matthew 19:3-9

*"Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."* Jesus

### THE DEVASTATION OF DIVORCE

God hates divorce, not \_\_\_\_\_ - Malachi 2:16

Divorce is an \_\_\_\_\_ (Keller)

### BIBLICAL GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

\_\_\_\_\_ - Matthew 19:9, Exodus 20:14

\_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Corinthians 7:15

\_\_\_\_\_ - Exodus 21:10-11

### WHEN MARRIAGE GETS TOUGH

1. Re-commit to \_\_\_\_\_ (not \_\_\_\_\_)

2. Understand you always marry the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do it for \_\_\_\_\_ and focus on his \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do it for \_\_\_\_\_

5. Visualize the \_\_\_\_\_

6. Get \_\_\_\_\_

Fill-ins: divorced people; amputation; ADULTERY; DESERTION; NEGLECT/ABUSE; covenant; consumerism; wrong person; Jesus; grace; others; devastation of divorce; counseling

## Life Group Questions for the week of October 7, 2018

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. Have you or someone you know been affected by divorce and/or someone's involvement in an adulterous relationship? If so, how?

3. Read Matthew 19:3-8. Jesus talks about divorce being a concession, not a command because of "hardness of heart." What does that mean?

4. Read Hebrews 13:4. Whether you are married or not, you should still work to keep "the marriage bed pure." What does this mean to you?

5. Read Proverbs 5:8-10. One way to avoid adultery in your life is to radically reduce the risks. If you are married, what specific steps can you take to reduce the risks of adultery? If you are not married, what can you be doing now to help reduce the risk of adultery when you are married?

6. How can your group help you in avoiding the risks of adultery? In your opinion, are things like accountability relationships effective in reducing the risks of adultery? Why or why not?

7. Many who are married will go through the following cycle of marriage: joy, disillusionment, misery, understanding, mature love. Talk about the cycle and discuss what it is like for two people to be in each stage of the cycle. How would you describe what each stage looks and/or feels like?

8. If you are married, what is one specific thing you could do to work on your marriage? If you are not married, what is one specific thing you could do to better prepare for a Christ-centered marriage?

### Marriage Resources:

**"Weekend to Remember" Marriage Conference:** [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com)

### Books

*The Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas

*Happily Remarried* by David & Lisa Frisbie

*How We Love: Discover Your Love Style, Enhance Your Marriage*  
by Milan and Kay Yerkovich

### Websites

[Realrelationships.com](http://Realrelationships.com) – Les & Leslie Parrot

[Cloudtownsend.com](http://Cloudtownsend.com) – Henry Cloud & John Townsend

[Garysmalley.com](http://Garysmalley.com) – Smalley Relations Center