

**Reflection Questions:** Do my views of divorce and remarriage line up with Scripture?  
For singles: Do I have a biblical view of marriage and sexuality? How can I better prepare myself for marriage?  
For marrieds: How committed to my marriage am I? Do I need to repent and ask forgiveness from my spouse? Why haven't I done so? What can I do to strengthen my marriage?  
  
How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

#### Quotes to Ponder

*The elevation of one's own self-fulfillment as the ultimate good functionally reduces God's Word to an optional guidebook to meet one's emotional needs*

R. Kent Hughes

*It's not all about you; it's not all about your comfort; it's not all about your definition of happiness; it's not all about the meeting of your self-defined needs - marriage is part of something bigger; it's part of a grand redemptive plan that spreads through all of history and through the whole universe. Marriage is a piece of God's sovereign plan. Yes, even your individual marriage is part of something that God is doing.*

Paul David Tripp

*While the church should proclaim God's will for marriage and announce God's judgment on sin, we must also proclaim God's forgiveness of sin and acceptance of sinners.*

David Garland

*Let the wife make the husband glad to come home,  
and let him make her sorry to see him leave.*

Martin Luther



Disciples and Divorce

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

November 5, 2023

1. Departure for Judea (1)
2. Discussion about Divorce (2-9)
3. Disciples' Instruction (10-12)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you resolve them?

*Matthew 19:1-12* —

*Mark 10:1-12* —

*Luke 16:18* —

3. What was the Pharisees' test of Jesus (*Mark 10:2*)?

4. Jesus points the Pharisees to Scripture (*Mark 10:3*) and they go to *Deuteronomy 24:1-4*. What is the command of this passage? Why?

How were the Pharisees misusing this passage?

5. What does *Mark 10:5* tell us about divorce?

6. Jesus is asked a question about divorce and He answers with *Mark 10:6-9*. Why? What is Jesus point?

7. Jesus refers to *Genesis 1:27* and *2:24* in *Mark 10:6-8*. According to this, what is God's definition of a marriage?

8. Compare *Mark 10:10-12* with *Matthew 5:31-32* and *19:9*. What do you find?

9. How does a marriage reveal Christ's marriage to His bride, the church

(*Ephesians 5:21-32*)?

10. What are the three main Christian views regarding divorce and remarriage? Which do you align with? Why?

1.

2.

3.

11. Does the Bible allow for divorce? If so, when? If not, why not?

12. Read the following Scriptures. How do they relate to the topic of marriage and divorce?

*Matthew 1:18-20* —

*John 8:3-11* —

*John 4:16-19* —

13. What are possible reasons for divorce/remarriage according to the following verses?

*Matthew 19:9* —

*1 Corinthians 7:10-16* —

*Romans 7:1-3* —

*1 Corinthians 7:39* —

14. Are there any other allowable reasons for divorce/remarriage for the Christian?

15. How do you think Jesus and/or Paul would address the marriage that has physical or sexual abuse within the household? Use Scripture.

16. What can we do as a church to strengthen marriages?