



LIFEGROUP MATERIAL | WEEK OF April 25th  
*Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage*

**Matthew 19:3-10**

**3** And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" **4** He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, **5** and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? **6** So they are no longer two but one flesh. "Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate."  
**7** They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" **8** He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. **9** And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery." **10** "His disciples said to him, if such is the case of a man with his wife, it's better not to marry."

The only **standard** we should live by is God's standard.

The only way to know God's **standard** is to read God's **Word**.

A **casual** approach to marriage.

A **contractual** approach to marriage.

A **covenantal** approach to marriage.

Your divorce or your remarriage is not a **continual** state of **adultery**.

The reason that God is so serious about our marriage covenants with **each other** is that He is so serious about His marriage covenant with **us**.

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**LIFEGROUP CONVERSATION**

- 1. Was there someone in your life that modeled what a marriage should look like? If so, share with the group. How have those models shaped your relationship?**
- 2. Have your group read Matthew 19:3-10. How does Jesus' teaching on divorce stand in contrast to the way people view marriage and divorce today?**
- 3. What is the difference in viewing marriage as a covenant instead of a contract?**
- 4. Pastor Chris talked about how we need to live by God's standard. What does that look like for you?**
- 5a. What is the biggest hindrance in your marriage right now?** If you have people in your group who are not married, talk about any hindrances that they might have in their relationships with their gf/bf, parents, siblings, friends, etc...
- 5b. What are you willing to do to ensure that this area of your marriage will no longer be a hindrance?**

**Honestly evaluate whether you're living up to the Kingdom values of marriage. If not, or if you're confused about a particular issue, talk to God. Ask Him for forgiveness, if necessary, and for guidance. As a group, pray for one another.**