



Series

Matthew Series

Title

Marriage and Divorce

Big Idea:

Marriage was created by God and is a reflection of his love for us. Divorce isn't His plan but part of the brokenness of this world.

Bible Discussion

Read **Matthew 19:1-6**

Why do the Religious Leaders ask Jesus about divorce?
Do you think Jesus response is still relevant today?

Why is it important that Jesus started with who created marriage and what He created it for?

How has God joined a husband and wife together? Why does it matter to God if they get a divorce?

Read **Matthew 19:7-9**

Why does Jesus say that God gave the authority to Moses to grant divorces?

Why do you think Jesus say the only acceptable divorce is one where someone committed adultery?

If God's desire is that we stay married, why would he even get an out through divorce?

Read **Matthew 18:10-12**

What are your thoughts on singleness and the benefits of not being married?

How does marriage limit the ministry you might be able to do if you were single?

Growing in Christ

What is Jesus revealing about himself to you in Matthew 19?

How does Jesus' conversation about divorce impact your view on his love for us?

Did God's view of divorce change from the Old Testament and the New Testament?

Living as a Family

What is the role of the church with couples who are considering a divorce? Have you seen this done well?

How can the church do a better job of preventing divorce?

How can the church do a better job of serving those who have been through a divorce?

Sharing the Gospel

What would be your response to someone who doesn't go to church if they asked: When it is it OK to get a divorce?

What differences do those who are NOT Christ followers see in the marriages of Christ followers?