

## Questions for eGroup Discussion

### *Jesus' Perspective on Divorce and Remarriage*

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#### How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

**Group Participants:** Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

**Group Leaders:** Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

#### Getting Started

How has the reality of divorce and remarriage touched your life?

To what extent were these experiences on your mind and in your heart throughout this weekend's teaching and afterwards? Explain.

#### Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

**Spirit:** *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

### Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 16:16-18 aloud two or three times, in a couple of different Bible translations, if possible.

In general, what stands out to you from these verses, or from Pastor Alan's message on these verses this weekend?

What questions do they raise, or surprises do/did they contain for you?

Why is it important that we understand the context of Jesus' words (Luke 15:1-16:17) before we grapple with what He says in verse 18?

What were the Pharisees most guilty of in seeking to follow God with the best of intentions?

How might this approach be manifest today in our approach to people impacted by divorce?

Likewise, why is it important that we appreciate God's desire for the law (Deuteronomy 24:1-4) in considering Jesus' words about divorce and remarriage in verse 18?

Read aloud Matthew 19:1-9.

How is Jesus' teaching here similar and yet more complete than in Luke 16?

Why doesn't Jesus debate divorce, but instead focus on marriage, in His response to the Pharisees?

## Embrace the Gospel Continued

How does Jesus correct the Pharisees' understanding of Moses' teaching? (verses 7-8)

Why is this important as we seek to apply Jesus' teaching today?

In what ways does Jesus turn the table on the Pharisees in these verses?

How would you summarize the essentials of Jesus' teaching on divorce and remarriage, and a gospel-centered approach to these realities today?

### **A**pplication: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

What did you most need to be reminded of or challenged by this week ... both from the message and your eGroup discussion?

How did the message and group discussion shift or refocus your thinking on the Bible's teaching about divorce and remarriage? Explain.

Where do you most need to grow in a gospel-oriented approach to divorce and remarriage?

What's the next step for you in following-through on this?

## Experience the Spirit

### **P**rayer: *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying for group members' response to any Spirit-promptings for life application from this week's message and eGroup discussion.

Specifically be praying for healing, grace, and forgiveness to be applied to relationships impacted by the pain of divorce or the misapplication of God's Word.

When you're done, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

## Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community make a difference by compassionately moving outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

In response, perhaps God might be prompting you (or your entire eGroup) to participate in one of our many international ministry trips in 2018. Take a look at the various opportunities: [www.networkbeyond.org/trips](http://www.networkbeyond.org/trips). For more information, or to explore involvement, contact Steve Oeffling, Pastor of Global Impact: [steveo@cccgreeley.org](mailto:steveo@cccgreeley.org). He'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you and help you envision where your involvement could make a huge difference.



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