

Sermon Guide



"What God Has Joined" **July 31, 2022**

"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. What therefore 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."

Matthew 19:4-8

- 1. Greg stated that presuppositions determine how people view and interact with the Bible.** What presuppositions have tripped you up in the past as you studied scripture? What are some teachings you currently struggle with that may be affected by your presuppositions? (Talking about this in community can shed light our presuppositions. Iron sharpens iron. Also, you may need to define "presupposition" to make sure everyone is on the same page.)
- 2. Jesus rebukes the pharisees for their presuppositions about divorce.** Why did Jesus do this? What mistake were the pharisees making in how they thought about divorce?
- 3. Greg referenced Romans 1:21 when talking about ways we harden ourselves to God. Reread Romans 1:21 and the surrounding passage.** We try to argue our case when we disagree with God. We come up with "good arguments," but those arguments fail, because God is the Creator and Source of all things. He defines the purpose and design of everything. As you live within a confused and contentious culture, what ways are you tempted to define things differently than God does? Each of us struggles against conforming to the world. How have you needed God to transform you by the renewing of your mind?
- 4. Greg said that all sin is about the heart and is ultimately a rejection of relationship with God.** Think about a sin you regularly struggle with or are tempted to do. What work do you want God to do in your heart? How has pressing into your relationship with God helped you battle that sin in the past?

We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus. As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to?