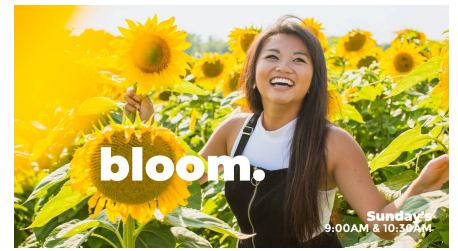


LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Whose marriage do you most admire? Why? What ingredients make for a happy marriage?
2. Identify a single, widowed, or divorced individual that you admire and why. Compare the ingredients you admire about the marriage with those you admire about the single person?
3. Read 1 Timothy 5:1b-2, Ephesians 5:25, and Titus 2:4. What does it mean to love others as Christ loved the church?
4. Read Matthew 19:1-6. Who approached Jesus with the motive of testing him? What trick question did they ask Jesus? How did Jesus respond to their question?
5. What did Jesus say is God's ideal for marriage?
6. Read Matthew 19:7-10. What follow-up question did Jesus' enemies ask? How did Jesus respond to the second question about divorce?
7. In light of verse 8, compare the Pharisee's and disciples' view of marriage and divorce to our culture's contemporary view.
8. Why was the disciples' response to Jesus so extreme?
9. Read Matthew 19:11-12. What did Jesus teach about those who never marry?
10. Read 1 Corinthians 7:7-8. Compare Paul's teaching to what Jesus said in verses 11-12.
11. Whether you are single or married, what steps can you take to better follow God's design for your life? What habits can you develop, beginning today, that will make you a better marriage partner or non-married person living for the glory of God?



Marriage or Singleness

Matthew 19:1-12

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