

Divorce - Matthew 19:1-12

Topics: Blessing, Celebration, Compromise, Conflict, Culture, Ego, Example, Forgiveness, God's Will, Hardheartedness, Marriage, Obligation, Protection, Purity, Unity, World

Open It

- * 1. Whose marriage do you most admire? Why?
- 2. What ingredients make for a happy marriage?
- 3. What factors tend to undermine a marriage and make a couple more susceptible to divorce?

Explore It

- 4. Where did Jesus go after telling the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant? (19:1)
- 5. Who accompanied Jesus? (19:2)
- 6. Who approached Jesus with the motive of testing Him? (19:3)
- 7. What trick question did the Pharisees ask Jesus? (19:3)
- * 8. How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees' question? (19:4-6)
- 9. What did Jesus quote? Why? (19:4-5)
- 10. What did Jesus say is God's ideal for marriage? (19:6)
- 11. What follow-up question did Jesus' enemies ask? (19:7)
- * 12. How did Jesus respond to the second question about divorce? (19:8)
- 13. Jesus allowed for divorce under what condition? (19:9)
- * 14. What did the disciples think about Jesus' view of marriage and divorce? (19:10)
- 15. What did Jesus teach about those who never marry? (19:11-12)

Get It

- 16. What are the most devastating consequences of divorce?
- * 17. Which would be worse: to be unhappily married or never to be married?
- 18. What is the ideal even in a marriage that was stained by adultery?
- 19. How does the previous passage (Matthew 18:21-35) have application in this one?
- * 20. What do you think churches can and should do to build stronger marriages and to reduce the divorce rate among their members?
- 21. In what ways is singleness a great advantage?
- 22. How would you feel if you never married?

Apply It

- * 23. What habits can you develop, beginning today, that will make you a better marriage partner?
- 24. How can you communicate to your children the sanctity and sacredness of the marriage relationship?
- 25. What specific service can you (and will you) render to God in the coming year because of the freedom your singleness permits?