

Students Sermon Guide - April 25, 2021

Matthew 19:1-12 | The Question of Divorce and The Meaning of Marriage | Halim Suh

Reflect (Before the sermon)

What do you think the meaning of marriage is? Why do we do it? When you think about marriage, what thoughts and feelings come to mind? What experience do you have with people who are married, whether they be your parents, grandparents, close family friends, etc. How would you describe their marriage?

Read (Before the Sermon)

In the passages below **CIRCLE** the questions that people ask Jesus, and UNDERLINE Jesus' response.

Matthew 19:1-12

1 Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. **2** And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. **3** And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" **4** 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. **9** And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery." **10** The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." **11** But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. **12** For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

Write (During the Sermon)

- Jesus answers by pointing to _____ and is saying let's talk about _____.
- Jesus goes back before the _____ for divorce was given... all the way back to _____.
- Jesus is saying that _____ was never a part of God's original plan for marriage.
- Our God is a God who doesn't just deal in _____, but in _____.
- In your singleness you can have a _____ heart towards the Lord.

Did you miss some blanks or need some help? Click [HERE](#) to see what they are.

Respond (After the Sermon)

- Does the meaning of marriage that Halim pointed up match the meaning of marriage that you thought about in the reflection portion of this guide? In what ways were they different or similar?
- How has this sermon changed your ideas about marriage going into the future?

