

Matthew 19:1-12

Sermon: October 2nd, 2011

****Note**** - Although the topic is divorce and marriage, even those who are single can benefit from the points Jesus speaks to in this passage; either because it is in your future, or because the Lord can still use you to encourage others to a proper understanding of what God has in mind with marriage.

Know Your Neighbor

1. Go through your recent family tree (grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, children) and count the amount that are divorced and count the amount that are still married. As a small group, tally-up the totals.
2. Write down what YOU think might be the top three reasons why divorce happens.
 - a. As a small group, make one big list

Know God's Word

1. Reflect on the passage and in one or two sentences give a brief synopsis of the sermon last Sunday.
 - a. What point from scripture stood out the most to you?
2. What are some of society's arguments against the husband and wife relationship being above ALL other relationships?
3. Read Genesis 1:26-2:2
 - a. What impression could 1:31 have on husband and wife relationships when it says, "and behold it was very good"?
 - b. What significance does 2:2 have on the subject of man and wife?"
4. Read Philippians 2:3-8
 - a. This passage is written to believers in general, however, what impact could living this way have in a marriage relationship?
 - b. Give yourself a grade with an explanation on how well you are living like this.

Know How to Live

1. What is your biggest obstacle to making your spouse the number one human relationship in your life? (or if you are single...making God your priority in life)
2. What area in YOUR life can the group being praying for that would benefit your marriage? If you are single, that would benefit your relationship to God?