

**Relate Group Questions**  
**April 22, 2018**

**Ice Breaker Question:**

What was (or would be) Mom's advice to you about marriage? What was Dad's?

**Relate Group Value: Prayer** - praying encourages group members to be humble, knowing that all comes from God. In prayer they also feel valued and come to understand their own worth. Celebrating God's answers to prayer with gratefulness and thanksgiving can bring joy and happiness to the whole group.

**Sermon Title:**

Sermon Text: Matthew 19:1-12

Other Relevant Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 7:15, 39; Genesis 1:26-31; Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Malachi 2:16

**Study Questions:**

1. What are some of the reasons people get divorced? What are some of the sources of conflict between husbands and wives?
2. In his response to the question from the Pharisees, why do you think Jesus referred to Genesis 1 and 2 (see Genesis 1:27; 2:24)?
3. What does Jesus's statement at v. 6 teach us about God's intent for marriage?
4. What encouragement can we offer to those who have already been divorced?
5. What can you do to strengthen your marriage today?
6. Is it always sinful to divorce (Matthew 19:9)? Why or why not? Does this text *require* or simply permit divorce in the case of sexual immorality?
7. Is marriage simply a matter of convenience for both parties, or is it a covenant for life between a man and a woman before God? What is the difference? Why?

**Weekly Check-up:**

How is your daily Bible reading going?

How has your prayer life been this past week?

Are you struggling in your obedience to God?

Have you shared Jesus with anyone this past week?

Have you invited anyone to worship or small group?  
What do you need prayer and encouragement for today?