

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGE - Matthew 19:3-12

*"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."*

**Other Passages:** Romans 12:9-16, Matt. 5:31-32, 1 Cor. 6:13, 18, Eph. 5:3

**Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

1. Relational brokenness can be so hard, Paul reminds us in Romans 3:23-24 of the reality we are all broken in our sin. Reflect on your own experiences with relational pain. Take a moment and read Psalm 139:1-6 together, ask God to reveal where there is hardness of heart in your life, consider repenting to each other.
2. Do you have any friends struggling relationally? How can you encourage them, and urge them to greater holiness and sacrificial love.
3. What might you need to take out of your life, or add in, so that you are truly living secure in Christ, so you are able to say like Jesus, "I want more for you than from you?"
4. Do I look for permission to be who I want to be and do what I want to do?
5. Do I look to honor God with radical abandonment and disregard of what that cost me?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**