

YOU ASKED FOR IT 2018

WEEK SIX: *What does the Bible say about divorce and remarriage?*

Matthew 19:1-9

NOTES:

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:

For Starters: Has divorce and/remarriage been a part of your life in any way? How has it impacted you? Discuss your general beliefs around marriage, divorce and/or remarriage.

Quick Fire Round:

- Read Matthew 19:1-9. What is the context and purpose of Jesus' dialogue with the Pharisees on divorce? What stands out to you and why?
- Read Matthew 19:3-4 and Genesis 2:18-24. Why do you think Jesus quotes Genesis when it comes to the marriage relationship? What does *one flesh* mean? What is *God's best* when it comes to marriage? Discuss.
- Read Matthew 19:7-9, Deuteronomy 24:1-4, Leviticus 18:20-24 and 1 Corinthians 7:13-16. What are the two Biblical reasons given permitting divorce and why? How would you coach someone who wants to divorce for say, *irreconcilable differences*?
- Read Matthew 5:32, Luke 16:18. What did Jesus say about remarriage after divorce? How is there hope and healing in Christ for those who have been divorced, whether remarried or not?

Weekly Challenge: Discuss ways the church has outcast divorcees. Based on this study, how could you think or act differently towards those who have been divorced? Consider your current relationship status. If you are married, how can you improve your relationship with your spouse, family? If you are single, how can you make wise relationship decisions moving forward? Remember – there is hope and healing in Christ!

Relationship Resources: *Boundaries in Marriage* – Henry Cloud and John Townsend; *Sacred Marriage* – Gary Thomas; *The Five Love Languages* – Gary Chapman; *Divorce and Remarriage* – Tony Evans