

Meaning of Marriage:

Ephesians 5:31-32; Matthew 19:4-6

Marriage is a life-long covenant between one man and one woman instituted by God to express Jesus' loving relationship with the Church and to multiply disciples of Jesus.

Mess of Marriage:

Matthew 5:32; 19:7-9; 1 Corinthians 7:15

Mercy for Marriage:

Ezekiel 16:59-60; Colossians 1:21;

Community Group Questions

1. *What was God saying to you through the Scriptures preached? What do you need to do about it?*
2. *How do you tend to view marriage? What experiences inform your view?*
3. *What aspects of the Biblical view of marriage are most difficult for you to accept and apply - Marriage is a life-long covenant between one man and one woman instituted by God to express Jesus' loving relationship with the Church and to multiply disciples of Jesus (i.e., children)?*
4. *Do you find it difficult to say and believe "God hates divorce" (Malachi 2:16)? Why would God 'hate' divorce? Why should you? How should you treat divorcees in light of how God treats us (see Ezekiel 16:59-60; Colossians 1:21)?*
5. *What are some practical ways you can cultivate a higher view of marriage in your current season of life? Where do you need help?*
6. *What are some ways you can cultivate greater "oneness" with Jesus?*