

Matthew 5:31-32, 19:1-8 (9/29/2024)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

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1. As a foundational point for this week's lesson, review and discuss God's purposes for marriage from Genesis 1:27-28; Malachi 2:14-15; and Ephesians 5:31-32 (from question #1 of last week's lesson).

2. According to Jesus's response to the Pharisees' question about divorce (Matthew 19:1-6), why is divorce not God's design? Also, what do you think is the meaning that "the two shall become one flesh"?

3. Moses allowed a certificate of divorce because of the hardness of people's hearts (Matthew 19:7-8). Discuss how the application of the verses below would impact a marriage:

Proverbs 3:5

Proverbs 4:23

Psalm 37:4

4. Read Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33 and identify key words/themes evident that are found in healthy Christian marriages. Explain what you identified.

5. Discuss Christ's relationship to the church, what He did for the church, and how marriage should reflect this relationship.

6. What might the impact be if those in our neighborhoods, cities, places of work, etc. witnessed wives and husbands showing sacrificial love to one another on a daily basis?