

"Divorce and God's Design"

Matthew 19:1-9

LEARN

Tracing God's Story: [God's Eternity, Part 2](#) (30:12) This study concludes with an overview of what the book of Revelation teaches about the last things and about what God's people can expect at the conclusion of God's big story. Supplemental books/workbooks can be purchased [here](#)

Video: "[How to deal with constant arguing in marriage](#)" by Paul David Tripp (6:39)

1. Read Matthew 19:1-9. What was one thing on your mind from the sermon coming into this meeting?
2. What does it reveal about our hearts when we approach marriage by asking, "Where is the line?" instead of, "What does faithfulness require?"
3. What is God's design for marriage, and why is God's design the foundation for understanding divorce and remarriage?
4. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so" (Mat 19:8)? What do we learn about God from this and what He has done?
5. What wrong questions do we ask when we approach marriage and divorce, and what question should we be asking instead?

PRACTICE

1. What does this truth mean for us as Christians in regard to how we live by faith when we don't have an "out"?
2. What needs to change in my life if I find myself thinking, "I will not change," "I deserve better," "I shouldn't have to live like this," or "my happiness matters more than the covenant"?
3. How does this teaching apply to you in your current stage of life?

CHANGE

1. What needs to change about what I am believing about the finished work of Jesus Christ for my salvation and my ability to live faithfully in difficult circumstances?
2. Where am I tempted to use Scripture the wrong way to justify what I already want to do? What needs to change?
3. What selfish "soothings" am I using when I feel stuck, and what needs to change?