

Small Group Conversation Guide | Fall 2022

Small Group Lesson: Week 4

Message: Progress is Perfection: Marriage & Divorce

Main Idea: The Kingdom of God is not divided up into married people, divorced people and never been married people. We are all sinners living in the reality of the Kingdom of grace.

Main Scripture: Matthew 5:31-32

Group Check In: What are you looking forward to most and least when it comes to the Holidays?

Prayer

Connect: What type of relationship or lack of relationship did your parents have when you were growing up?

Video

In the Word:

1. Matthew 1:19

- Before hearing from the angel about her Holy Spirit conception, how was Joseph planning to handle the situation with Mary after finding out she was pregnant?
- How was his desire not to expose Mary different from his right under the Old Testament Law? (Leviticus 20:10)
- What does this teach us about Joseph?

2. Matthew 19:3-6

- How does Jesus answer the question about “any cause” divorce?
- What is Jesus saying in verse 6 about what happens in marriage and how does it relate to divorce? (Genesis 1-2)

Application:

1. Which of the top ten marriage killers, from the video, most apply to you? I Peter 3:9
2. God’s intent in creation is to bring man and women together in Shalom, peace and harmony. The world and our sinful nature often drive a husband and wife apart. How is this relevant in your life experience?
3. What is your response: bad marriages take work; good marriages take more work?

Prayer