

**PART 6: DIVORCE** 

## INTRODUCTION

More often than not, we avoid sins in their extreme form but regularly commit them in a more covert form that Jesus is still very concerned about. In Matthew 5 Jesus gives six examples where, in His masterful fashion, He exposes our real struggle with sin, and he teaches us to transform and sharpen our thinking to the kind of life required of His disciples. The kind of life that truly sets us free! Are you ready to think more like Jesus?

## KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19:10 Matthew 19:3-9 1 Corinthians 7:17, 20

Matthew 5:31-32 John 8:11

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being extremely comfortable and 10 being extremely uncomfortable, how do you rate your comfort level when it comes to hearing a message about what Jesus says about marriage, divorce, and remarriage? Why?
- 2. Why do you think marriage is in such bad shape in America today?
- 3. Read Matthew 19:3-4. Jesus is redirecting their focus to God's Word when it comes to the question of divorce. Why do we tend to look to culture instead of to God's Word for answers to difficult questions?
- 4. How have you experienced or seen others experience the pain of divorce?
- 5. Pastor Will taught that marriage results in oneness, and "you can't un-one what God made one." How does this explain the pain that always comes with divorce?
- 6. Read 1 Corinthians 7:17 & 20. Based on this instruction from the Apostle Paul, Pastor Will taught that we should start where we are and honor and obey God beginning there. Where are you right now in your marriage or future marriage? What do you need to do to honor and obey God beginning right now, where you are?
- 7. How would your marriage (or future marriage) look different if you decide that Jesus is right about marriage? How would that change future generations?

**Application Prayer:** Lord, I accept what you say about marriage. I pray for your grace for my marriage (or future marriage). Let it be a reflection of your relationship of love to me.