

**Food for thought**      **10/24/21**

**Divorce**                      **Matthew: Hope Revealed**                      **Matthew 19:1-12**

### **Day 1 – Understanding the passage**

Read Matthew 19:1-12

- What stands out to you in this passage or from the message?
- One of the features of dialogue is noticing how the conversation flows. There are two subsections: 3-9 and 10-12. How do each of these start? How does that direct us to the point of the passage?
- The gap between CH 18 and 19 is significant, when you compare Matthew to the other Gospels. What does Matthew 19:1-2 add to (1) Chapter 19 and what does it add to (2) the entire section on “greatness” (Chapters 18-20)?
- State the main point of this passage in one sentence.

### **Day 2 – Taking stock of our lives**

- Who is in control of our love life (or lack thereof)?
- What makes marriage hard?
- What makes singleness hard?
- What are the boundaries to one’s sex life?
- We are taught that the person in control of your love life is you. How are we taught this message? Think of specific things (ie: don’t say “movies” but share examples).
- “I am in control of my sexual life, not God.” What sorts of things has this statement led to?

### **Day 3 – Applying the Bible to our lives**

- Being set apart for God
- Why does it seem easier to give up on a marriage rather than working on it?
- How can we better encourage those that are single, but desire marriage?
- How can we better encourage those that are single and sense that they are called to singleness?
- Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. What is the guiding principle in this passage that helps to thinking clearly about our sex lives?
- Why is it hard to yield our sexual lives up to God?

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