



PREACHING CURRICULUM

The D-Word Matthew 19:1-15

“Truth & unity do not originate in the minds or opinions of sinful man, they originate in God.”

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

How do we see the Pharisees use man-made schools of thought, and not Scripture, as their means of justifying of divorce? How was it a question designed to trap Jesus and bring about division, and not a genuine biblical question? ____

What is the biblical accommodation God gives people for divorce in Matthew 19:9? Why does He give it to them? *Consider also 1 Corinthians 7:10-13.* ____

What is Jesus’ teaching on adultery, and why was this such a challenge to those listening to Him? How did His listeners misunderstand Him, and why were the Pharisees so focused on the exceptions rather than God’s original design? ____

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Have you experienced the effects of divorce, either as a child or as a spouse? Was it in keeping with a biblical understanding given in Scripture? What effect did that have upon you, your family, and your children? ____

How do you guard against the tendency or temptation we all experience to harden our hearts against others? How are you protecting your marriage covenant or other relationships in this regard? ____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

How can you either establish or pursue a strong, biblical marriage or help others pursue marriages that align with God's original design and purposes for marriage? _____

What are some practical ways to guard marriages against divorce? How can you address the early signs of a relationship heading in the wrong direction, or how could you help marriages that are struggling to reflect a biblical model? *See also 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.* _____

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

Would you commit to having your marriage assessed by another godly couple to see how you're doing? *Consider the blessing that would come from this as you commit to living in light of God's design and purposes for marriage.* _____

5 PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

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PERSON	REQUEST	ANSWER/PRAISE REPORT