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to involve oneself or become occupied; participate: *engage in conversation*

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"HONEST TALK ABOUT MARRIAGE AND THE SINGLE LIFE" PART 2 OF 4



Personal Prayers

1. Start your small group time off with prayer.
2. Ask for personal prayer request. In other words, have group members share request about them, not friends or family members.
3. Do the same for praises.

Impact List

Have 2-3 people share about people from their impact list.

1. What is the next step in their friendship with that person?
2. How can your small group pray for them?

Close to God

1. Have 2-3 people share what is happening in their "Close to God" time.
2. How have they grown closer to God?
3. How can your small group pray for them?

SERMON TITLE: "Divorce and Remarriage"

MAIN POINT/PASSAGE

- ▶ *What God has joined together, let man not separate.*/1 Cor. 7:10-11, 39-40

SERIES REVIEW

- ▶ If needed, read the main point and passage to remind you of the sermon. What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

STARTING QUESTIONS

- ▶ Whether direct or indirect, what has your experience been with divorce?
- ▶ Have you ever witnessed or experienced divorce as a good thing? Explain.
- ▶ Do you agree or disagree with Pastor Stu's following statement?
 - "Whether you were the innocent spouse or not, if your divorce was for any reason besides sexual sin, you must not remarry."
 - If you disagree, do you have scripture to back up your explanation?
- ▶ Have you ever advised someone to divorce and/or remarry? What was your reasoning?
 - If yes, would you give the same advice after hearing this sermon?
- ▶ What do you believe is at the root or heart of what Jesus is communicating about divorce and remarriage?

DIGGING DEEPER

- ▶ Regardless of your personal position on this topic, as a group you are now taking the position of its ok to divorce and remarry no matter the circumstances.
- ▶ As a group, list as many passages in the bible as you can that will support your stance on the topic of divorce and remarriage. (You should have a good start if you took sermon notes.)
 - Make sure you consider the context of the passages.
 - If possible, look at the Greek or Hebrew meaning of the word.
- ▶ Talk about how easy or difficult it was to find supportive scripture.
- ▶ Are the passages clear on supporting your stance?
- ▶ What did this exercise help you discover concerning this topic?

APPLICATION

- ▶ Is there any reconciliation that needs to happen if you have been involved with divorce and/or remarriage? (Remember God's grace is big enough to cover any of our choices!) What can your Life Group do to help?



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