

Small Group Questions

Drawn from “Marriage: God’s Care for the Institution and the Individuals,” A Sermon on Deut 24:1-4

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1. Today's text and sermon were about divorce. Where has divorce impacted your life, your family, or the life of someone close to you?
2. Look again at verse 1: What is the "indecent" in view here? In your answer, engage with the answers given by the school of Hillel and the school of Shammai and bring other passages of Scripture to bear on the question.
3. Look again at verse 4: What is the intent behind this prohibition and what can we learn from it?
4. Look again at Exodus 21:10-11, a passage which Pastor Nicoletti referenced in the sermon. What does this passage add to our understanding about Biblical grounds for divorce?

5. You are having a discussion with a sincere Christian who denies that abuse is legitimate grounds for divorce. He says, "Of course I agree that abuse is a terrible, horrible sin that the Bible condemns and that damages marriages. But the Bible only names adultery and desertion as grounds for divorce. Our standards must come from the Bible, not from our own feelings and opinions." How might you respond? Use Scripture and theological reasoning in your answer.
6. Where do the Roman Catholic Church and the Reformed church differ on their views of marriage, divorce, and remarriage?
7. Your friend is married to a difficult person. The marriage is troubled and unhappy, but there are no clear and Biblical grounds for divorce. How might you encourage her to persevere in a disappointing, frustrating, or miserable marriage?
8. Your friend's husband has confessed, on his own initiative, to a single instance of adultery. The husband seems to be deeply repentant and willing to do whatever she requests to restore their marriage. She is unsure whether she wants to divorce him or remain married. She comes to you for advice: what do you say?
9. How can this group pray for, encourage, and help you to stay faithful to your marriage vows (if you are married) or to be pure, content, and faithful in singleness?