Marriage, Divorce and Singleness Matthew 19:1-21

Sermon Discussion Questions January 7, 2024

- 1. What is Jesus doing before this conversation with the Pharisees about marriage, singleness, and divorce? Why does this matter in the application of this passage?
- 2. What is the purpose of marriage? If it is a divinely created institution and not one of human origin, what is the purpose God has in creating it? Where is God uniquely displayed in a good, godly marriage?
- 3. What does it mean for you to leave your father and mother? Would this look differently depending on different factors like divorce, upbringing, different cultures, etc.?
- 4. Have you ever viewed singleness as a bad thing? Or have you viewed marriage as being better than singleness? How does this passage speak to singleness being equally as valuable as marriage?
- 5. Why is singleness a good thing? How does singleness reflect an aspect of God's love? What are some benefits of being single in your relationship with Jesus?
- 6. Do you struggle to trust Jesus' character on hard or controversial topics such as divorce or singleness? Has this sermon better equipped you to understand God's ways in this matter?
- 7. How do you navigate conversations with this particular topic? How must the conversation be approached in love?