

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What brought you joy when you were a child?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. What is your experience with divorce?
3. Read Genesis 2:18-24. Who created and designed marriage?
 - a. Why was marriage created?
 - b. What does "one flesh" mean to you?
4. Use your Bible app or Google to search up more Scripture on marriage. What sticks out to you as you read?
 - a. Is there a general truth that you can find about marriage?
5. Read Malachi 2:13-16 in multiple versions. What does it say about God's heart for marriage and divorce?
 - a. Does God hate divorce or the person who has a divorce?
6. Read Mark 10:1-12. According to these verses, why was it permitted to divorce?

- a. What is God's optimal plan for marriage regarding divorce?
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7. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What does a God honoring marriage look like?
 - a. How do we submit to each other? How do we respect each other?

 - b. How do we love each other like Christ loved the church?

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Marriage is an institution created by God from the beginning.
- God designed it to be one man and one woman.
- Marriage isn't just about you being happy and in love. It's about a commitment to live together for God.
- "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:21