

Since God designed, created and established marriage, He is the one and only authority (3-7).

A believer seeking a divorce will not find Jesus a comforting companion (8-9).

We must champion God's standards for marriage, but also extend and receive God's mercy and grace (10-12).

***Questions for Discussion:***

1. What is the context of this passage? Who is asking Jesus the questions? Why are they asking?  
Why is this significant?
2. How did Jesus answer them?  
What did Jesus say about the permanence of marriage?
3. What are some reasons people today give for divorcing their spouse?  
Are any of these reasons legitimate? Why or why not?  
How do you think Jesus would respond to these reasons?
4. What was the conclusion of the disciples upon hearing Jesus' teaching?  
What was Jesus' response to their conclusion?  
Why is this significant for those who are married?  
Why is this significant for those who are not married?
5. Given the prevalence of divorce today, what will it look like for you to extend mercy and grace to others  
While still championing God's stands for marriage?