

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Marriage, Divorce, and Jesus

April 15, 2018

Luke 16:18

- 1.) What are your initial emotions/reactions when you read Jesus' strong words about divorce?

- 2.) Read Ezekiel 16 (especially the beginning and the end). What do you learn about the nature of God's love for us? What does faithful love look like when things are hard?

- 3.) What examples have you seen in your life from a human perspective of purifying grace, sacrificial love, and tenacious faithfulness? Why do you think these are not characteristic marks of many marriages these days?

- 4.) Does your marriage (or other significant relationship) look as though it is focused on self-fulfillment or reflecting the image of God (telling the story of his love)? What things would you point to as evidence of this (consider how you handle sin, conflict, and failure)?

- 5.) Where does God's Law convict your heart of lowering the perfect standard, particularly with regard to adultery? How does the Law drive you to Jesus? BONUS: How could a church community make those who have committed adultery and/or endured divorce more welcome and loved?

- 6.) Will said divorce is permitted because "human hearts are not divine and human marriage is not ultimate." How does your ultimate marriage to Jesus encourage you? How does it impact how you view your current and/or past marriage?



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