

**FAMILY FOR THE GLORY OF GOD,  
PART 5: DIVORCE & SINGLENESS**  
1 Corinthians 7 & Mark 10

God is God. Because he is God, He is worthy of my trust and obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in His holy will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to.

— Elisabeth Elliot

### 1) Thinking Biblically About Divorce

- The broad principle

- The specific exceptions

- So what now?

## 2) Thinking Biblically About Being Single

- The broad principle

- The value of being the exception

- So what now?

### I. Getting to Know You

1. Do you like or dislike surprises? Why or why not?

### II. Into the Bible

2. Talking about divorce can tempt us to think about “us” and “them.” To guard against this, talk in your group about how divorce has affected you—even if you have been married for many years. Think about people you know who did everything they could to obey Colossians 3:18-19 but still saw their marriage fall apart. Now, read Deuteronomy 24:1-3. and Mark 10:3-4. Was the Pharisees’ description of what Moses said accurate? How did Jesus interpret the Deuteronomy passage?

3. Confronting divorce is painful because it forces us to realize how broken we all are. Let’s renew our minds by reading Revelation 21—the whole chapter is important to us. Here we see the perfect example of the pattern for marriage. All God’s people are part of it. What are some of the characteristics of the perfect marriage between Christ and His bride?

### **III. Application**

4. What can you do, as part of Chapel City Church, to minister to single people in the congregation to help them feel that they are fully part of the body? Talk with your group about practical steps.

5. Talk about some practical ways that you can minister to unbelieving friends and neighbors whose marriages are in crisis.

### **IV. For Families**

6. Talk with your children this week about how they can minister to friends who have had to struggle with divorce.