

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS



REVIEW: Read Matthew 5:31-37 Was there anything from Sunday's teaching that confused you, you'd like to comment on, or challenged you?

1. This section begins with divorce. Matthew 5:31-32 In no way do I want anyone to feel condemned or like a failure because they have experienced divorce. **What's done is done and we desire to grow people where they are at. But with that said, Jesus did bring up divorce.** Here is the opener: What effect does divorce have on a family? You may have your own story to share?

2. On Sunday Pastor Jim stated that Jesus wants people to take their marriage seriously. He attacked the loophole the Pharisees created. **They simply said to their wife: "I divorce you" 3 times and they were divorced. Then they would go after a women they liked better.** They were led by sexual lust which Jesus talked about in Matthew 5:27-28. Do you think this attitude still exists today in America? Explain your answer.

3. Let me make one thing clear: God is smart. And He is way smarter than any of us and He gives us great truth for any marriage, friendship or a relationship on the rocks. Read Revelation 2:4-5. **From these verses, what is God's prescription for rebuilding relationships that are dying?** Please give details.

4. Bonus Double Jeopardy question: I forgot to put one in last week. Remember that this one is optional but I hope you partake. Read Malachi 2:16 and Matthew 19:7-8 How do we put these two verses together?

## GOING DEEPER

1. Read Matthew 5:33-37 The Pharisees created a loophole. A way to get around keeping a promise. They would make an oath by heaven, earth, Jerusalem or their head but not in the name of God. In doing this they did not have to make good on their oath/promise. Now think, what are some ways people today use this kind of slippery speech to avoid having to make good on an oath or promise?

2. In your own words what do these verses teach us about promise keeping?

Numbers 30:1-2   Numbers 23:19   Eccles. 5:4-5

II Peter 3:9                      James 5:12

3. **Okay let's think.** Read Matthew 26:31-35 and Matthew 26:69-74 Obviously Peter didn't keep his oath. In our opinion, where did he go wrong?

TAKING IT HOME: What from Sunday or tonight do you need to put into practice to walk as a disciple of Jesus?

PRAYER REQUESTS: