



WEEK 4: DEALING WITH THE DEVASTATION OF DIVORCE

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

In the sermon *"Marriage Matters Part IV: Dealing with the Devastation of Divorce,"* Pastor tackles the sensitive topic of divorce, offering guidance to Christians facing failed relationships. Highlighting the alarming rise in divorce rates, Pastor emphasizes the need for compassion and support for those affected. Drawing from biblical teachings, he explores the complexities of divorce and its profound impact on individuals and families. He calls for the church community to extend love and healing to those experiencing the pain of divorce, emphasizing the potential for restoration and growth.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

Malachi 2:13-16

Matthew 19:6

1 Corinthians 7:15

Romans 5:20

Galatians 6:2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

During the sermon, Pastor mentioned death, adultery, and desertion as the three biblical reasons for divorce.

- a. How can we better understand the three biblical reasons for divorce?
- b. Have you ever encountered a situation where any of these reasons were justified, and how did you offer support?

2

Pastor emphasized the importance of ministries such as divorce recovery and called for the church to step up and provide healing and help.

- a. How can the church community help support those who have gone through a divorce?
- b. What practical steps can your small group take to make sure members feel supported during this traumatic time in their lives?

3

The sermon mentioned the need for healing from anger, rejection, and depression caused by past experiences/divorce.

- a. Why do you think the failure rates for subsequent marriages after divorce are concerning according to the sermon?
- b. What steps can one take to ensure growth and healing after a divorce, before entering into another relationship?

4

Pastor mentioned the emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental pain caused by divorce, and the various difficulties faced by affected children.

- a. In what ways have you seen or experienced divorce having long-lasting effects on individuals and their families, particularly children?

5

A passage was referenced to emphasize that marriage was intended to be permanent.

- a. How does **Malachi 2:13-16** relate to the subject of divorce and its consequences?

- b.** How can we apply this understanding of marriage commitment to our own relationships, and encourage others in their marriages as well?

DIVE DEEPER

Personal Reflection: Take a deep breath and read...

Pastor mentioned that a husband should always remain loyal to their spouse as scripture (God) tells us. This applies to both the husband and wife.

- 1.** In the workplace, in your neighborhood, or through media, do you guard yourself from forming overly intimate or "friendly" relationships with the opposite sex that should be reserved for your spouse? If you're not married, do you set appropriate boundaries in your relationships to honor the commitments you've made or the values you hold?
- 2.** Do you keep secrets from your spouse or those close to you? Why?
- 3.** Are you faithful in your actions, in your mind, and in your heart to your spouse, or, if unmarried, to the principles and promises you've made in your relationships?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Ask God to bring healing to those affected by divorce.
- Seek wisdom in showing grace and compassion to those experiencing relational hardships.
- Pray for the church's role in supporting and encouraging those going through difficult times.

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