

Transition:

Our current divorce rate in America is over 50% and seems to be rising every year. Clearly something is going wrong. However, the issue of divorce is not a new one. Even God's people squabbled over conditions for divorce back in the Old Testament. But as usual, let's see what Jesus has to say.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) Do the best you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time

Discussion Questions:

1. Does Jesus answer the question of whom marriage is between? How so?
2. What does Jesus mean by adultery/fornication?
3. What do you think about the disciples' response?

Fundamental:

Sexual Purity – Sex was designed by God for the purpose of pleasure and procreation between one husband and one wife. Anything outside of this is sin. God created man and woman in Genesis, there are no other genders. The Bible declares over and over that homosexuality is an abomination. We believe that God does not make mistakes – there ought to be no confusion. The only thing that brings confusion is our own rebellion.

1. What are the consequences of premarital sex?
2. What active steps can you take to remain sexually pure (besides not having sex)?
3. How should a Christian respond to someone who is active in LGBTQ+?

Homework/Challenge:

1. If you are single, vow to remain sexually pure until your wedding day. If you are married, vow to remain faithful and never bring up divorce.
2. Please read Matthew 20 in preparation for next week.

Discipleship Tip:

If people can learn to worship the Lord alone, they will begin to remain pure and keep their conscience clean.

Prayer:

Have a sin burning night! And pray for everyone in small groups.