

# SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 9/1/13

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## Matthew 19:1-12

**Purpose of SG:** to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

**2013 Annual Focus:** Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

**Announcements:** (1) Baptism at the lake 9/8, (2) Hope Counselor training starts 9/15 and (3) SGL Day Retreat is 9/21 from 9am-4:30pm at Durant Nature Park, (4) Men's Retreat 10/4-6.

### **SG Discussion Questions:**

*Focus: calling the church to honor Jesus' teaching on marriage.*

Likely there are some in your group that have experienced broken marriages

Read 19.1-9. Make a list of what are the MAIN teachings about marriage, divorce and remarriage that come from this passage. Ask them what questions they have about these main ideas. Focus your discussion here!

There are a number of very difficult, very important detailed interpretive questions in this passage. Feel free to discuss those AFTER you have had your discussion on the main points above.

Ask if there is one of these points that God wants you to apply especially to your own marriage, to share with someone else, or to make a matter of earnest prayer for someone else?

Read 19.10-12. What principles can be drawn from this passage and applied to someone who is single at NW? How should or shouldn't you encourage singles with these truths? If there are singles in your group, let them share how married friends can best encourage them along these lines.

For any singles, ask how you can pray for them in their singleness and what they are taking away from this passage about singleness and marriage?

Here is a short, but helpful commentary on this passage to help you in your preparation and here is the link:

<https://bible.org/seriespage/questions-about-marriage-and-divorce-matthew-193-12>

and here is a link to the NW marriage statement:

[http://6e1bebfda7dae79ec9a-5c62e0aaa630fc51481a75e0f221b03f.r59.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/n/0e1194641\\_nw-statement-on-marriage.pdf](http://6e1bebfda7dae79ec9a-5c62e0aaa630fc51481a75e0f221b03f.r59.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/n/0e1194641_nw-statement-on-marriage.pdf)