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Honoring Marriage Matthew 19:3-12

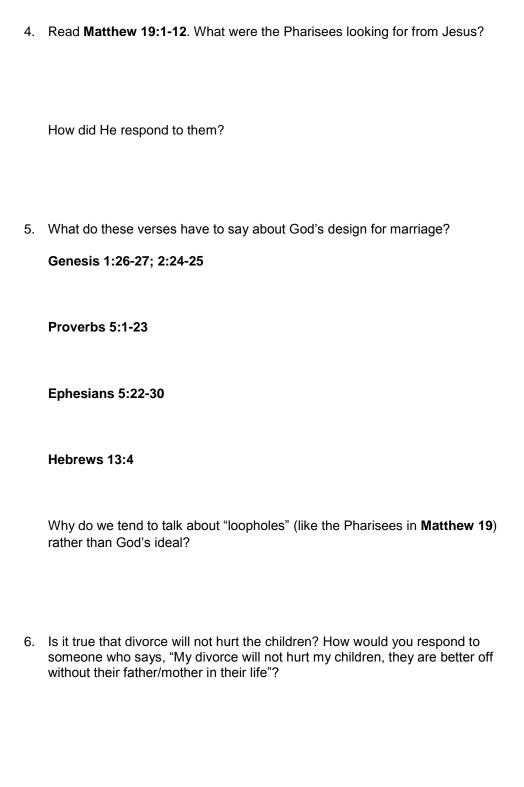
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"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." Hebrews 13:4

Big Idea: We honor marriage when we <u>see</u> marriage as being sacred and we <u>hold</u> marriage as being sacred.

1	marriage as being a sacred relation	nship.
A.	We live in a culture that has	_ marriage.
В.	Jesus clearest teaching on the	
	of marriage. (Matthew	19:3-12; Genesis 1-2)
C.	Why has God designed marriage to be	?
('	1) For the benefit of the married couple	
(2	2) For the benefit of the children	
D.	There are only two Biblical reasons for divorce	ce:
('	1) Adultery (Matthew 19:9)	
(2	2) Abandonment by an un-believer (1 Corinth	nians 7:13-15)

	(3)	In all other cases, a believer is to ren spouse. (1 Corinthians 7:10-11)	nain single or be reconciled to their	
	(4)	Divorce can be forgiven, but God's g confess our sins, he is faithful and ju purify us from <u>all</u> unrighteousness."	•	
2.		marriage as being a sacred	relationship.	
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"Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2				
E	3.	We must develop an	_ mindset!	
"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ." Philippians 2:3-5				
Se	rme	on Questions:		
1.	WI	hat was the best marriage advice you	ever received?	
2.	Нс	ow has divorce touched you personally	? Who was affected? In what way?	
3.	WI	hat do we mean when we say marriago	e is "sacred"?	



7.	Upholding the sacredness of marriage starts at home. What can you do to hold your own marriage as sacred?	
	What can you do to uphold the sanctity of the marriages of your friends? Or, of your adult children?	
	If you are single, what can you do to uphold the sanctity of marriage?	