



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

What God Has Joined Together... (Matthew 19:1-12)

Read Matthew 19:1-9

1. Jesus has already spoken on these matters (Matthew 5:31-32). What motivated the Pharisees' question? *[For OT background see Deuteronomy 24:1-4]*
2. They ask about divorce, and Jesus answers by teaching about marriage. What do we learn about God's intentions for marriage from Jesus' reply?
3. What reason did Jesus give for why God's law for Israel contained instructions about divorce?
4. What does Jesus teach about remarriage after divorce?
5. ***How can we love those among us whose marriages have been broken by sin?***

Read Matthew 19:10-12

6. As you consider Jesus' instruction on marriage and divorce do you agree with the disciples' response?
7. Jesus indicates that their conclusion "it's better not to marry" is not for everyone. What reasons for remaining unmarried does Jesus give here?
8. What do you think it means to make oneself a eunuch for the sake of the kingdom of heaven?
9. ***How can we love those among us who are choosing to be single for the sake of the Kingdom?***
10. ***How can we love those among us whose desire to be married has not been fulfilled?***

For more of the Bible's teaching on marriage and divorce, see Ephesians 5:22-33 and 1 Corinthians 7