

SERMON REFLECTIONS

God says, "I Hate Divorce!"

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Reflection Questions

1. Jesus' teaching on Marriage:
 - a) Marriage is a **divine institution**.
(Matthew 19:6 – "... God has joined together...")
 - b) It is meant to be **complementary**.
(Matthew 19:4 – "... the Creator 'made them male and female' ...)
 - c) Marriage is intended to be **permanent**.
(Matthew 19:5 – "... the two will become one flesh")
 - d) It is to be **exclusive**.
(Matthew 19:5 "... united to his wife...")
 - e) The marriage bond would **surpass that of a man's relationship with his parents**.
(Matthew 19:5 – "... for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife ...")

What does Jesus' teaching on Marriage mean to you? What does it mean in your marriage? (if you are not married, what should it mean to a Christian marriage?)

2. God hates divorce, and He also hates the sins leading to divorce, such as infidelity, abuse (physical or emotional), lack of love, lack of honour, lack of faithfulness, lack of responsibility.

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- a) **Take a few minutes to reflect on your own life - have you fallen into such sins? If so, repent and ask God for His forgiveness and His grace to overcome them.**
 - b) **Husband, what can you do to love your wife?
Wife, what can you do to honour your husband?
All, are there other sins that could lead to divorce?**
3. *"Marriage is a beautiful gift from God for a man and a woman."*

Share what you believe is beautiful regarding marriage.

4. Romance is not the only factor for one to consider marriage.

If you are a young adult considering marriage in the future, what do you think are the factors that you should consider prior to taking the marital covenant?

If you are a matured adult, what can you advise a younger person regarding the factors he/she should consider prior to taking the step towards marriage?

[Actually these 2 questions are the same, I simply want everyone to answer it.]

5. The number of divorces is still significant in Singapore, and it is an issue that's no longer just affecting younger couples. Stakeholders here say more older couples who have been married for more than 20 years are splitting up.

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What are some reasons that couples today would use to file for divorce?

Could something be done to prevent/overcome these reasons?

What can the church do to help the couples in the church?

What can Christian couples do to help themselves?

6. Ministry to the divorced and their families

How can the church provide ministry to the divorced and their families?

What can you do for the divorcee?

What can be done for the children of the tragedy?

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