

Study Guide
The Kingdom Has Come
Matthew 19:1-15

Big Idea: Happiness is found in Christ.

1. Discuss ways in which our culture has primed us to think that we are not complete unless we are in a romantic, sexual relationship with someone else.
2. Read Matthew 19:3-6. Discuss God's creation of marriage:
 - a. Divine- reflection of the image of God (Trinity).
 - b. Male and Female- "*be fruitful and multiply*" (Gen. 1:28)
 - c. Bond for Life- The covenant of marriage ("joined"; "one flesh").
3. Read Matthew 19:7-9. Discuss what must have been happening during Moses' day. What is the solution to marital problems? Discuss.
4. Read Matthew 19:10-12. What is a eunuch? What are the three kinds described? Why is it a good thing to remain single? Why do you think many can't receive this teaching?
5. The big idea today is that **happiness is found in Christ**. What does that look like for us? According to Psalm 34:8 we are to, "*...taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who trusts in Him.*" How do we practice this verse in our daily lives?

Message Slides

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I. God's Principles for Marriage (v. 3-6)

ᵃAnd Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" ᵃHe answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ᵃand said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?ᵃ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

II. Man's Response to Marriage (v.7-9)

ᵃThey said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" ᵃHe said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.ᵃAnd I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."

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III. God's Principles on Singleness (v.10-12)

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1. From Birth

Isaiah 56:3b-5

...and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." ᵃFor thus says the Lord: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, ᵃI will give in my house and within my wall a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

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- 3. By personal choice**

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“We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

—C.S. Lewis

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Psalm 34:8

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