



“How to Deal with Divorce”

Relationship 101! Series

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**GOD’S BIG IDEA: Face your HURT with an open HEART.**

1. Look in the MIRROR. (Matthew 19:3-9)
  - a. Marriage is GOD’S idea; divorce is OURS.
  - b. Where there is divorce there’s bound to be HARDENED HEARTS.
  - c. REFLECT on your REACTION: Do you see CONDEMNATION or COMPASSION?
  
2. GUARD your heart. (Proverbs 4:23)
  - a. Your most VALUABLE ASSET is also the most VULNERABLE for ATTACK.
  - b. PROTECT your priorities without IDOLIZING them.
  - c. LISTEN to yourself. (Luke 6:45)
  - d. The PEACE OF GOD is your best defense! (Philippians 4:4-7)
  
3. Give God your GROG.
  - a. Surrender EVERY BROKEN PIECE to the Father’s hands.
  - b. The goal is a MOLDABLE, STRONG YOU, remade in the IMAGE of CHRIST.

**Parting shot:** What if your DISAPPOINTMENT became a DIVINE APPOINTMENT?

## C3 Group Questions

**Last Week's Next Steps:** Did you gather at C3 on Sunday to express your faith? Did you build your faith this week through consistent time in prayer & God's Word? If so share what stood out to you in your time with God?

**Icebreaker:** Talk about something other than divorce for 5 minutes.

**Review:** What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

### Group Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 19:3-9. Jesus has some very tough words on the subject of divorce. What do you think was most important to him in his exchange with the Pharisees? What is Jesus saying to you in this passage?
2. According to Proverbs 4:23, why is it so important to guard your heart when you face divorce (our own or another's)?
3. Read Jesus' words in Luke 6:45. Why must you pay attention to your words during disappointing times like divorce?
4. Read Philippians 4:4-7. How can you access the peace of God?
5. We talked about giving God your "grog"—the seemingly unrepairable broken pieces of life—and trusting him to remake you into the image of Christ. Why is this often so hard to do? How can you grow in your ability to trust God?
6. How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

**This Week's Next Steps: (James 1:22)** Whatever your marital status, pray: "God, divorce is painful and disappointing. Thank you for offering us healing for our hurts when we face them with open hearts. Keep me moldable, full of your peace, and fully surrendered to you. In Jesus's name, amen."