

Thornbury Baptist Church  
Matthew Teaching Series

Small Group Discussion Questions

**Talk Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

**Talk title:** Marriage Matters

**Passage:** Matthew 5:31,32; 19:3-9

**Speaker:** David Lawrence

**Discussion Questions**

David started his talk with this quote from American pastor and theologian Scott McKnight: "What we think of marriage and divorce in Western culture is as far from the Bible's story as Dickens' Christmas Carol is from the Biblical understanding of Christmas". In this group discussion we will look at some of the Bible's teaching about marriage.

For each passage use the same questions for your discussion:

1. What strikes group members about the teaching on marriage from the Bible passage?
2. How wide is the gulf between the Bible's view of marriage in this passage, and that of our Western culture?
3. What are the main differences between the Bible's view of marriage in this passage, and that of our Western culture in this passage?
4. What challenges might these differences present for Christians in their own lives?  
How do we face those challenges?
5. What challenges might these differences present for us as a church community?  
How do we face those challenges?

The passages are:

- Matthew 19:4-6; Genesis 2:24
- Ephesians 5:21-33
- 1 Corinthians 7:1-6
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (not specifically about marriage, but relevant nonetheless).

**Takeaway**

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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