**JESUS’ TEACHING ON MARRIAGE**

Matthew 19:1-12

Key Verse 19:6 “So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

1. What does the Pharisees’ question reveal about their view of marriage and of women? What are some views about the meaning of marriage in our times?

2. What is the basis for Jesus’ teaching about marriage? (4-6) What do Genesis 1:27 and 2:24 teach about marriage? How did Jesus interpret the teaching of Genesis? (6)

3. Why did Moses allow divorce and command that a certificate of divorce be given? (7-8; Deuteronomy 24:1) What was Jesus’ clear and serious teaching about divorce (with what exception) (9)?

4. Why did the disciples say, “It is better not to marry”? Why are some people afraid to marry? What did Jesus teach them about those who do not marry?

5. From the Scripture, what can we learn about the purpose of marriage? (Genesis 2:18; Ephesians 5:21) How should we live our lives whether married or single?