

Grace Groups Homework
"Let's Talk about Marriage"

Mark 10:1–12

18 August 2019

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Can you remember a time when something that is considered basic came home to you in a powerful way?

WORLDVIEW

2. When discussing matters of sexuality, gender, marriage, and divorce, it is essential for Christians to do so intelligently and with integrity. We might add that we need to do so winsomely. Talk about what this looks like, practically.

Intelligently: What passages would you go to argue for monogamous, heterosexual, lifelong marriage?

Integrity: What is required of us if we will take the splinter out of the eye of those who misinterpret Scripture to justify same sex marriage, transgenderism, etc.?

Winsomely (see Colossians 4:5–6). What might this look like as you are in conversation with someone who identifies as gay or lesbian?

GOING DEEPER

3. How would you counsel someone who wants to marry but who has a very restricted budget? What biblical principles would you apply?

4. From Ephesians 5:25-32, how would you counsel someone who:
is considering a polygamous marriage?

is considering divorcing their spouse?

5. Discuss the practice of lobola.

Is this a tradition that should be maintained?

What are some temptations that may arise from this?

Is it necessary to establish a marriage in the eyes of God?

6. Discuss the role of the state in the establishment of a marriage. Is government sanction necessary?

As you do your regular grocery shopping, please remember to add something to your trolley to donate to the Food for the Family ministry. Regularly used items include: rice (1kg or 2kg); juice; washing powder (auto or hand wash); cooking oil (750ml or 2-litre); peanut butter; syrup; jam; tea; coffee; sandwich spread; pilchards; tuna; cake flour; baked beans; butter beans; mixed vegetables; tomato and onion mix; other canned foods; Cremora or long-life milk; pasta; noodles; condiments (tomato sauce, mustard), etc.; sugar (1kg or 2.5kg); mielie meal; bath soap; deodorant (roll-on); toothpaste. Speak to Patson Ngidi for more information.