



**October 13th, 2024**

**Sermon: The New Way: The Ways of Jesus: Family Marriage & Divorce Pt. 5**

**Text: Matthew 5:31-32; Malachi 2:14-15; Deuteronomy 24**

A reminder as you move into these questions as a group or individual please watch Ryan's sermon on-line. To gain context and hear his compassionate points as he moves into tackling this topic and message.

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What does this story tell me about God?

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2. What does this story tell me about people (or about myself)?

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3. If this is God's word for my life, how will I obey it?

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4. Who am I, going to tell?

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Key Points, Quotes and Stats to Reflect on From Ryan:

May the Holy Spirit illuminate what he wants to communicate to each of us regardless of our experiences. In Jesus name Amen.

“Jesus is making a statement that is a higher calling.”

A Biblical Theological Marriage:

-Biblical Marriage is covenantal

-Love is Sacrificial and marriage is a covenant relationship.

“You don't practice covenant; you make and build covenant. Then you learn to live into covenant.”

### **Key Stats:**

Too Risky to Wed in Your 20s? Not if You Avoid Cohabiting

First Research shows that marrying young without ever having lived together with a partner makes for some of the lowest divorce rates

By Brad Wilcox and Lyman Stone”

"In fact, women who married between 22 and 30, without first living together, had some of the lowest rates of divorce in the NSFG."

"The perils of cohabitation and why timing is linked to later divorce

University of Denver researchers say living together before marriage now 'part of dating culture'

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"The timing of moving in together is robustly associated with marital instability," they reported.

Thirty-four percent of the time, married couples who had lived together before they were engaged or married ended up divorced within the time frame studied. That's in contrast to less than one-fourth of the marriages of those who were engaged or married before they decided to move in together."

**There are unspoken vows that are natured in our society that as follower of Jesus we need to pay attention to:**

- We are going to see if living together and if I don't like it she is gone.
- I am yours, as long as you make me happy.
- I am your if these feels I have stick around, if these passions dies then we aren't meant to be together. Meaning my commitment to you is based on my ever-changing volitional emotion.
- I will love you as long as you don't get in the way of my dreams.
- I am with as long as you help me be my best self.