

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Matthew 19

1. What do verses 3-6 tell us about God's intention for marriage? How does Jesus respond when the disciples ask him why Moses allowed divorce (verses 7-9)? Based on this teaching and Jesus' thoughts on divorce in Matthew 5:31-32, summarize the Lord's view on marriage.

2. In verse 16, a rich young man approaches Jesus and asks, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" Who is the "only one who is good" that Jesus refers to in his response (verse 17)?

3. Write down your observations about the rich young man from verses 16-22. Does Jesus' response in verse 17 imply that we enter the kingdom of God by obeying the Law? How would you describe the young man's attitude toward the Law?

4. What does Jesus understand about the rich young man that prompts him to say "Go, sell what you possess and give to the poor." Describe the young man's response.

5. Is there something in your life (a possession, a career, a relationship, your reputation) that keeps you from living whole-heartedly for Jesus? List the truths from verses 23-26 that affirm that complete allegiance to Jesus is possible?