



Pleased to be pure

Happily ever after? Marriage in the real world

1 Corinthians 7v10-24

Sunday November 27th 2016

And they lived happily ever after

'He has also set eternity in the hearts
of men' Ecclesiastes 3v11

Heart to heart

A word from whom?



Believing couples and divorce (v10-11)

Jesus, Marriage and Divorce

Matthew 5v31-32, 19v1-12,
Mark 10v1-12, Luke 16v18,
Romans 7v1-3,
1 Corinthians 7v10-16

'at the beginning the Creator made male and female', and said 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.' (Matt 19v4-6)

Marriage and divorce when someone doesn't believe (v12-16)

Words to every believer (v17-24)

- **Each one should remain as he is**
- **Each one should strive to live for God**
- **Each one has an identity rooted in God**

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Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

Please note: as with previous weeks, please be sensitive to the people and circumstances in your group.

- When asked about divorce, Jesus goes right back to Genesis 1 & 2. How does he reset our understanding by doing this, when these verses don't even mention divorce?
- How can the church best care and help those experiencing divorce?
- Look at v17-24. Why does Paul suggest each one should 'remain as he is'? Do you agree? Why/why not?
- How does 'striving to live for God' cut across status and our life situations? What does this mean for you?
- What does v23 mean when many are 'slaves of men'?
- If your identity is rooted in God, how should that affect how you see the trials and joys in life now?

Spend some time in prayer for one another.