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- Talk with your group openly about if your current view of divorce and remarriage aligns with what Jesus has to say in both chapter 5 and 19. Remember to speak with grace as it is likely that others may not have the same opinion.
- Anthony talked about God being both Truth and Grace at the same time. How do both truth and grace show up in the heaviness of marriage, divorce, and the possibility of remarriage?
- Talk to the reality of looking for ways out of marriage versus looking for ways to stay.
- Jesus mentions "harness of hearts" in 19:8. How does our heart factor into our view of marriage, divorce, and remarriage? How does it factor into growth as a kingdom citizen?

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