

'Til Death Do Us Part (Parting Before Death) | Discussion Questions 6.14.15

Read Genesis 2:18-25. What do you think God wanted out of the union that was being created between Adam and Eve?

Read Malachi 2:16. In light of the Genesis 2 passage, why does God "hate divorce"?

The sermon highlighted several passages from the Old Testament where God seems to permit divorce even though God hates it. (Jeremiah 3:8, Deuteronomy 24:1-4, Exodus 21:10,11) Does it surprise you that God permitted (not commanded) divorce?

Have you ever given a gift that you hoped would never be opened?

Read Matthew 19:1-9.

What do you think the religious leaders are asking when they ask "is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

Do you think people, in today society, get divorced "for any and every reason"?

What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning"?(Matthew 19:8 NIV)

The key idea in the sermon is that God permits something that he hates which is divorce. The gift, which he hopes we will never have to open, is grace. What are your thoughts on this idea?