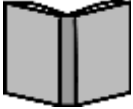











## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	<b>27-09-2020</b>	Separation and divorce
 Read	<b>Matthew 5:31-32</b>	 Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What is your experience of separation/ divorce? <input type="checkbox"/> Legally, how easy/ difficult should it be to get divorced? <input type="checkbox"/> What part does gender play in the experience of separation and divorce? <input type="checkbox"/> Why do you think the UK divorce rate is at its lowest since 1971? <input type="checkbox"/> Why are <i>cohabiting</i> couples with kids 3 x more likely to separate than <i>married</i> couples with kids?	
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> v.32: Why was Jesus so keen to protect women's rights by limiting the scope of men to divorce their wives? What would have happened to the women? <input type="checkbox"/> Read Matthew 19:4-6: What did/does God intend for marriage(s)? <input type="checkbox"/> Read Matthew 19:7-9: How does being 'hard hearted' contribute to divorce? <input type="checkbox"/> Read Malachi 2:14-16. Why does God hate divorce? Why might those who've gone through divorce agree with God? <input type="checkbox"/> How does God enable healing, forgiveness, and a fresh start?	
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> God wants exclusive, faithful, even intimate, relationship with you!	
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a point of showing sensitive solidarity with someone you know who is going through separation/ divorce. <input type="checkbox"/> Find out about divorce recovery courses/ programmes in your area eg Restored Lives Course (HTB) or Divorce Recovery Workshop.	
 Pray	<p><i>Dear God,</i>  <i>Thank you for my friendships/ relationship. They show me _____. I pray that those who are married will _____. For those going through the pain of separation and divorce, I pray _____. I name before you _____. Please help them to _____. Help me to _____. Thank you for Amen</i></p>	
 My question:		



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