

'The Real Jesus' – Part 43 Matt 19v1-15

1) *What is your first reaction when you hear the word marriage?*

2) Read the passage Matt 19v1-15:

For you personally, what was the most important thing Rich said on Sunday? Why?

3) a) Read Ephesians 5v22-33:

i) *What does this passage tell us about Jesus and the church?*

ii) *What does it tell us about marriage?*

b) Read 1 Corinthians 7v32-35:

i) *Whether you are married or single what unique opportunities do you personally have to 'please the Lord'?*

ii) *If you are **married** write down at least three things you can do to please your spouse?*

iii) *If you are **single** what advantages do you have in living well for God?*

iv) *Whether you are married or single what is the best thing about your situation?*

v) *What do you find the hardest?*

c) Read Philippians 2v4,5:

i) *What does it tell us to do?*

One of the challenges of church life is to make sure everyone is loved and supported.

ii) a) *If you are **married** in what practical ways could you support **single** people in the church?*

b) *If you are **single** in what practical ways could you support **married** people in the church?*

Sometimes in our status as married or single or divorced there can be a tendency to slip into certain wrong attitudes: pride, envy, jealousy, selfishness, bitterness, anger, un-forgiveness, sexual lust, laziness, self-pity and many others.

iii) *Pray through the list above asking God to show you if any of them are a problem for you. How could you deal with these attitudes?*

d) *If you would like help with marriage or singleness please speak to your SGL or one of the Elders.*

4) *Is there anything that God has been doing in your life this week that you would like to share?*

5) Digging Deeper Question – for those who want to study a bit extra

Read Hosea 1v2-3 and 3v1-3

- i) *What does God tell Hosea to do in each of these passages?*
- ii) *How do you think Hosea would have felt about each of God's instructions?*
- iii) *Why does God tell Hosea to do these things?*
- iv) *What do your answers above tell you about: a) God? b) Sin?*

Hosea paid 15 shekels to buy his wife back from working as a prostitute.

- v) *What price did God pay for his bride?*

Please Pray:

Berlin: Please pray for their monthly celebration meeting on **Saturday 10th March**, that there will be a great turnout and that they would continue to grow in numbers.

Small Groups: Please pray that in our Small Groups we will build strong, Christ centred friendships. Please pray for your small group leaders this week. Also pray for future small group leaders as we look to grow to 9 groups this year.

Gift Day, Sunday 11th March: Please pray hard about what God is calling you to give and that we will meet our target of £30,000.

Notices:

Gift Day is on **Sunday 11th March**. Please pray hard and give generously.

Exploring Membership Day is on **Saturday 17th March**. If you are new to King's and are interested in joining, this is for you! Please speak to Rich or Chris for more details.

Quiz Night is on **Saturday 31st March**. Tickets are on sale now! £6 a ticket for Quiz including Fish & Chips and £3 a ticket for Quiz only. Food orders must be placed by Sunday 25th March.

Regional Evangelism Training Day with Simon Thomas is on **Saturday 21st April 10am - 3.30pm**. This is a training day at our building especially for those who want to grow in their evangelistic gifting. Please speak to Rich or Chris for more details and to book in.