

MESSAGE

Jumping the Broom

ONE CHURCH SERIES | JULY 11/12, 2015 | BISHOP WALTER HARVEY | MARK 10:2-9

"And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (Mark 10:2-9 ESV)

I. What women know about men

II. What men understand about women

III. Marriage compared to cross cultural relationships

IV. Successful relationships require:

- A. Humility (Romans 12:3-5)
- B. Forgiveness (Ephesians 4:1-6; 31-32)
- C. Selflessness (Philippians 2:1-6)

STUDY GUIDE

1. If you are married, what genre of movie best describes your marriage? (Comedy, Horror, Sci-Fi, Mystery, Adventure, Drama or Romance). If you are not married, what type of marriages do you witness? Explain.
2. If you are married, what issues are creating distance between you and your spouse?
3. In what ways is marriage similar to racial reconciliation and/or cross-cultural relationships? Explain.
4. Can you relate to “selfishly pursuing a relationship”? In what ways were you seeking to be satisfied or appeased? Has that ever occurred across racial or cultural-lines? Explain.
5. How would you define the term “white guilt”?
6. What are some common reasons and easy excuses for giving up on reconciliation?
7. Pray for personal humility and forgiveness towards anyone or group that is relationally distant from you or your circle of influence.