

# LIVING WATER

## Living Water - Week 4

### Message Discussion Questions

#### **Introduction:**

This week Matt is continuing a new series called 'Living Water'. What happens when you are very thirsty? Have you ever been so thirsty that you would give anything for a drink of water? Water = life, but after you quench your thirst you will be thirsty again later. In this series we will be looking at the familiar stories & how we can find what we need to really provide for what our souls are thirsty for.

In Part 4 Matt leads us to look at divorce. Most of us have been affected in some way by divorce. Either we have been divorced, or someone close to us has been and that had an impact on your life. This week we are looking at how divorce affects women & what Jesus had to say about how to best to get the Living Water we need.

#### **Questions:**

1. What does it mean that 'there is no grace without truth'? How is that important in the conversation between Jesus and the woman at the well? Why did Jesus 'go there' in this conversation? John 4:16-18
2. Why is it important to know that the heartbeat behind the divorce laws given by Moses was to protect women? Why was the context of the conversation with Jesus and some Pharisees key to understanding Jesus' response? What was the reality for women who were at risk for being discarded? Matthew 19:3-10
3. Why is it an issue that the current generation believes that 'everybody gets divorced'? Is the current generation any different than those Jesus was speaking with? Does staying married throughout your lifetime seem impossible?

4. When it comes to the consequences of divorce, why would kids say 'Don't use us as your excuse to chase your happiness at our expense'? What could be wrong with getting divorced 'for the kids'? What is one of the unexpected legacies of divorce?
5. Why would someone say that 'Divorce has caused way more problems than it ever solved'? What do you think those problems could look like? What's wrong with thinking that divorce can solve all your problems? What's the risk of introducing your kids to every guy who comes into your life?
6. For a woman going through divorce why would it be important that you 'don't put too much pressure on your kids'? Is it true that 'your kids make really good kids, but they make a terrible God'? What does it mean that 'your identity can't be defined by your kids'?
7. What does it mean to 'Tighten your flotation device, let God choose the course & paddle hard'? Even in the midst of difficult circumstances (like divorce), can you live a life that leaves a mark & makes an impression on those around you? In all these things can you be a conqueror? Romans 8:37

**Key Takeaway:** *In the aftermath of tragedy, loss, & divorce, there's still hope if you turn to Him and never stop paddling. He will give you Living Water and you will never thirst again.*

### **Summary:**

- Grace & Truth - there is no such thing as grace without truth
- Divorce was given by Moses to protect women, In an abusive situation get out, get safe & get help
- Everybody gets divorced
- Don't use the kids as your excuse to chase your happiness
- Divorce has caused way more problems than it ever solved
- Don't put too much pressure on your kids
- Tighten your flotation device, let God choose the course & paddle hard