

LIVING WATER

Living Water - Week 5

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 5 Matt leads us to look once again at divorce. Most of us have been affected in some way by divorce. Either you have been divorced, or someone close to you has been and that had an impact on your life. This week we are looking at how divorce affects men.

Questions:

1. What happens when you try to get from anyone or anything what you can only get from God? Where do you end up when you go to the wrong well over & over again? What does this have to do with divorce & how does God feel about divorce? Malachi 2:16
2. Why is it critical to the conversation at the well to know what the Samaritan word Tohav means? How is Jesus the revealer? How is that related to Grace & Truth, how are they connected? John 4:16-26
3. As we think about the failure of a marriage by divorce, why would failure be uniquely hard for men to deal with? For men how does it help to know that you ARE your Father's son & you AREN'T your failed marriage? How does this image of God looking & waiting for you change what you think about yourself? Luke 15:20

4. Why are absent fathers not only bad for kids but they're bad for society? Why would divorce lead to a diminished role of father's in their kids' lives? Is it shocking that 43% of kids live with 'no dad' in their lives?
5. How important is it for people to love their kids more than they hate their ex? What do kids hear when they hear how much you hate your ex?
6. What does it mean when Matt said: 'you can't be everything to anyone, but you can be something to someone'? For divorced dad's why is it key for them to know that 'just your presence with your child is plenty', that your presence in your child's life is significant? Who is teaching your kids to be Godly men & women?
7. Is there really hope after divorce? If your past isn't all you wanted it to be, is there any hope for the future? Do you believe that God can always redeem & restore? Where are you going to be filled?
Joel 2:25

Key Takeaway: *Nothing is beyond God's ability to restore, decide today, no matter what the past looks like, from this day forward you're going to let Jesus fill your bucket.*

Summary:

- Don't try to get from anyone or anything what you can only get from God
- Why is it critical to the conversation at the well to know what the Samaritan word Tohav means?
- Why is failure uniquely hard for men to deal with? You are not your failed marriage, you're not a failure you're your Father's son
- Divorce leads to a diminished role of father's in their kids' lives - But 63% of youth suicide is represented by kids without dads. 71% of pregnant teenagers - no dad, 70% of kids in jail - no dad. 90% of runaway and homeless teens - no dad. 43% of US children live without their father. And within 2 years after divorce 51% of kids see their dad only twice a year or never
- Don't use your kids as leverage to get revenge on your ex
- You can't be everything to anyone, but you can be something to someone, Just your presence with your child is plenty, it' doesn't have to be Disney World everyday...
- Is there hope after divorce?