

Behind Locked Doors
Weekend Discussion Questions
November 10-11, 2007

1. If someone had asked you prior to this weekend what God says about divorce what would you have said?
2. In what ways has divorce touched your life?
3. Read Malachi 2:14-16. Why do you think God says He hates divorce?
4. Scott said "It's precisely because of God's love for us that He hates divorce". Agree or disagree?
5. What is your general feeling about divorce?
6. How would you say our culture (our world's operating system) views divorce?
7. Why do you think our culture has devalued marriage? What do you think led to the devaluing of marriage in Moses' day? In Jesus' day?
8. Read Matthew 19:3-10. Scott said two things were on Jesus' heart during this exchange with the Pharisees. 1) preserving God's intent for marriage and 2) the protection of women. Where do you see evidence of this in this story?
9. What's your view on what qualifies as "marital unfaithfulness"? Scott defined marital unfaithfulness as "a willful stepping out from under the chupah (hoopah) with the intent to dishonor your covenant, promise and commitment to your spouse."
10. Scott said that if we want to build a case against our spouse to justify divorce we probably can based on Jesus' words alone. Read Matthew 5:27-28 and discuss.
11. Scott said the question needs to change from, "what does God permit or allow to what does God desire?" From this point on what does God desire for you?
12. In what ways have you seen the church lock people out because of divorce? Why has this happened in so many places to so many people?
13. Read 1 Timothy 1:14-17. What does this say about who God is? What does it say about who we are?