

# Study Guide Questions

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## Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 4:7-8

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

## Read Matthew 19:1-12

- Shammai was a rabbi who said divorce is not permissible unless there was infidelity. Hillel was another rabbi who said a husband could get rid of his wife for any “indecency.” Which philosophy does most of the American culture follow? What can you do to help people through rough spots in their marriage? Do you have relationships where you are able to discuss serious marital topics with others? If you're married, how can your small group support/encourage you in it?
- If you're married, why is the view of Shammai and Jesus so challenging? How does this perspective more accurately display the character of God? Have the struggles in your marriage helped grow you in Christlikeness? If so, how?
- Read Deuteronomy 24:1-4. Why does the Law of Moses permit divorce? Now that Jesus has provided the Holy Spirit to all believers, are our hearts “soft”? Does Jesus' direction about permissible divorce apply to non-believers since it is tied to the condition of a person's heart?
- Eunuchs are not part of our culture but a modern parallel we can make is singleness. Do you think our American culture values singleness? What about our Christian culture? What would it look like to live like a eunuch for the sake of the kingdom of heaven?



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## Read Matthew 19:13-15

- What does it mean to be like a child? How do we become like a child?
- What is the significance of Jesus laying his hands on the children? What do you think he prayed over them? If you are a parent, what are some ways that you can imitate with your own children what Jesus did? (See also Mark 10:13-16.)

## Read Matthew 19:16-30

- The Rich Young Ruler is painting a rosy picture of himself by claiming he has kept all the commandments. How are you (or have you been) blind to your own sin? Do you often think less of others and more of yourself? How can we be more aware of our sinfulness?
- If someone were to review a list of all of your purchases in the last month, what would they see you value? Is there any amount of money that would satisfy the human heart's greed for more? Are you living sacrificially to support the mission of God's Kingdom?
- Have you ever been asked to give up something significant in order to follow Jesus? How hard was it to obey and do you have any regrets?
- Knowing that our sacrifices for Christ are not in vain, what sacrifices are you willing to make for Christ? Would you sacrifice for Christ even if there was nothing to gain?



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