

## Lesson 18: John 4:16-18

1. Chapter 4 Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Lesson on Divorce Part 1:

**a. Introduction:**

- 1) Why did this woman come to draw water during the hottest time of the day?
- 2) What are the odds that she had been widowed five times?
- 3) What does Jesus's ordained appointment with this woman say about divorce?
- 4) However, \_\_\_\_\_ is not part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us: (*Read Mal 2:16*)
  - a) **Read Matthew 19:3-8** - "*for \_\_\_\_\_ cause?*"
  - b) **Read Matthew 19:9** - "*except it be for \_\_\_\_\_*"
    - 1- The word "*\_\_\_\_\_*" in this verse (as well as in Matthew 5:32) is the Greek word "*porneia*," which we derive our English word \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2- This word has \_\_\_\_\_ primary meanings. Therefore, Jesus is saying that \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of God unless one of these \_\_\_\_\_ conditions exists.

**b. The first condition is \_\_\_\_\_ fornication:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ fornication is any \_\_\_\_\_, such as:
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ (Leviticus 18 & 20).
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ with an \_\_\_\_\_, in the eyes of God, \_\_\_\_\_ man or woman (Mark 10:11-12).
- 2) What do we learn from the book of Hosea concerning \_\_\_\_\_ fornication?

**c. The second condition is \_\_\_\_\_ fornication:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ fornication is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a physical object as a god or the immoderate \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to something other than God.

- a) Rejecting \_\_\_\_\_ or placing anything \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ fornication.
  - b) What are some common objects or sources of this type of fornication?
  - c) What was the object of King Solomon's \_\_\_\_\_ fornication? (See 1 Kings 11:1-8)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ fornication as a \_\_\_\_\_ for divorce is found in 1 Cor 7:12-15.
  - 3) Jesus sites \_\_\_\_\_ fornication as an \_\_\_\_\_ reason for divorce in Matt 19:29.
    - a) The words "***hath*** \_\_\_\_\_" in this verse and the words "***put her*** \_\_\_\_\_" and "***him***" in 1 Cor 7:12-15 are all forms of the same Greek word "*aphiemi*."
    - b) This word means to \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ forth or away, to \_\_\_\_\_ go from one's further notice, to \_\_\_\_\_ from one and \_\_\_\_\_ him to himself so that all mutual claims are abandoned, to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) Ezra chapters 9-10 contain a powerful example of the application of \_\_\_\_\_ fornication as a biblical \_\_\_\_\_ for divorce.

**d. So, what is God's bottom line concerning divorce?**

- 1) He does not want you to be \_\_\_\_\_ of your divorce.
- 2) Do not be the one who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 6:18 and Eph 5:3).
- 3) Unbelievers must choose \_\_\_\_\_ on their \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 7:12-15).

**e. The *seventh* man:**

- 1) The number seven expresses or symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. It is a number that represents and speaks of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Why has this woman had five husbands and currently living in sin with a sixth man?
- 3) Who is the ***seventh*** man to enter her life?
  - a) What does He do for her?
  - b) What should we learn from this concerning life in general?
  - c) What is the best insurance that a man and a woman can have against divorce?

**3. Homework:** Study the Scriptures and try to answer this question: Can a divorced man be a bishop (i.e., a pastor) or a deacon?