

## **“GOD’S PLAN FOR THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP”**

**TEXT: Mark 10:11,12**

**PROPOSITION: We need to see what God’s plan calls for and do our best to follow it**

notice...

### **I. THE INTENTION WHICH WE CAN SEE IN GOD’S PLAN**

1. God’s plan intended marriage to be one husband and one wife for one lifetime
2. God’s plan had no provisions for divorce

### **II. THE IMMORALITY WHICH MAKES AN EXCEPTION IN GOD’S PLAN (Matt. 19:8,9)**

1. An exception is made in the case of sexual immorality
2. Sexual immorality is the only grounds for divorce
3. Sexual immorality does not mean a couple is commanded to be divorced

### **III. THE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WE ARE TO FOLLOW WHEN THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP**

1. When one partner has committed sexual immorality(Matt. 19:19) - seek forgiveness and reconciliation
2. When a Christian spouse leaves his or her spouse (I Cor. 7:10,11) - be reconciled or remain unmarried
3. When a believing spouse is abandoned by an unbelieving spouse (I Cor. 7:12-16) the believer is not to stand in their way

### **IV. THE ISSUES WHICH MUST BE FACED IN THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP**

1. Those divorced will be limited from serving in certain positions (I Tim.. 3; Titus 1)
2. Those divorced can be forgiven and go on to serve the Lord effectively

