



Theme: Your Family Matters to God
I. He Establishes Laws to Protect It
II. He Has Promises to Preserve It

Sermon Notes Luke 20:27-38

The teachers of the law tried to trap Jesus with a question about _____ and the Sadducees tried to trap Jesus with a question about _____.

The Levirate Law from Deuteronomy 25:5-6 may sound bizarre to the modern reader. But what were two blessings that came from this Old Testament law?

What are some of the blessings that result from New Testament commands regarding marriage and sexuality?

How do God's heavenly promises impact your earthly relationships?

Growth Group Study Guide

For the week of November 17, 2019



Opening Prayer:

For Christian homes, O Lord, we pray,
That you might dwell with us each day,
Make ours a place where you are Lord,
Where all is governed by your Word.

And when you call us all to rest,
Then will we have a home most blest,
See all our care and sorrow cease,
And find with Christ eternal peace. (CW 500 stanzas 1,5)

My Story:

(For married couples) Share the story of your proposal/engagement.

Or

Think of a married couple you admire. List three things you admire about their marriage.

Or

Share a wedding tradition that you hope endures the test of time.
Share a wedding tradition that you wish would go away.

Digging In: Glance over the content of Luke 20

- Why were the religious leaders so intent on trapping Jesus in his words? Can you think of times today when people may have similar intentions?

- We know that we are saved by grace alone. Yet Jesus here says, “Those who are considered worthy...” (vs. 35). Can you think of other passages or Bible stories that help clarify Jesus’ statement? What does he mean by “considered worthy”?
- Why was the account of the burning bush such a powerful witness to these unbelieving Sadducees?

Application:

- A local professor told his students in a religion class that the concept of the resurrection didn’t develop until the New Testament. How might you use this account to respond to that professor? Can you think of other Old Testament passages or accounts that point to the resurrection?
- The Sadducees based their beliefs on just the first five books of the Bible. They did not believe in the rest of the Old Testament nor did they believe in the resurrection. Are there modern day Sadducees who question certain parts of the Bible and doubt the resurrection? What is the rational appeal to their teaching? What is the grave spiritual danger to their teaching?
- Jesus used the account of the burning bush to prove the resurrection. Can you think of at least two biblical accounts that could be used to highlight God’s design for marriage?
- If you haven’t already done so, take some time to discuss the last two questions on page 1 in the **Sermon Notes** section.
- A local church just put out a rainbow colored banner that reads, “God loves all people and so do we.” How can we reaffirm what the Bible teaches about marriage yet make it clear that we love all people?

- Agree or Disagree: Since society and many churches have made marriage and sexuality a key issue, our church needs to combat their false teachings by making the biblical teaching of marriage a signature issue.
- Is the biblical teaching of marriage predominately a teaching of law or gospel?

Closing Prayer Thought: Spend time thanking God for his gift of marriage and the family. Also, spend time praying for the families of our congregation. Spend time praying for those who are currently single. Finally, pray that our church can lovingly proclaim the truth of God's Word in a society that is becoming increasingly hostile to that truth.