

## Heart Attack “Divorce Part 1” - Jim Burgen November 3-4, 2018

### Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

Bible References: Matthew 5:31-32, Matthew 19:3-68 and Malachi 2:16

### Community:

1. How old were you when you first remember someone getting divorced?
2. What kind of effect did that have on you?

### Core:

1. How would you define the purpose and meaning of marriage? How do you think our culture considers, values, and portrays marriage and divorce?
2. **Read Matthew 19:3-8.** When asked about divorce, Jesus points back to God and the creation of marriage. What point do you think Jesus was making here?
3. **Read Matthew 5:31-32 and Malachi 2:16.** Based off these verses, describe what you think Jesus is teaching about divorce? Why do you think God is so strongly against divorce, in most cases?
4. Jim said, *“Divorce isn’t a person’s biggest problem. Having a hard heart of anger, contempt, and uncontrolled, unchecked desires is the bigger problem.”* Would you agree and, if so, how have you seen this lived out?
5. Jim talked about the “enemy” in every divorce situation; not a person, but the anger and contempt that led to the abuse, the divorce, etc. What are some of the “enemies” that you have seen and experienced that led to a divorce?

### Challenge:

Take time this week to think and pray about whether there is growing contempt and anger in your relationship and whether that contempt is leading to thoughts of ending or destroying the relationship. Ask God for His wisdom and guidance for what to do next.