

*Questions for Reflection and Discussion*  
**Marriage Matters**  
*The Truth about “Same-Sex Marriage”*

***Getting Started***

Write a brief description of marriage.



***Digging In***

1. **Read Matthew 19:1-2.** Describe the setting.
2. **Read Matthew 19:3-6.** Paraphrase the question of the Pharisees.
3. The Pharisees wanted Jesus to specify the allowable reason for divorce. How does Jesus reframe the question?
4. **Read Genesis 1:27 and 2:24.** What are the main ideas Jesus draws from these Genesis passages in debating the Pharisees in Matt 19:4-6? (You should be able to find 2 ideas in each verse.)
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
  - f.
5. Explain the meaning of each of these ideas, and their relevance for the issue of “same-sex marriage.”

***Getting Personal***

- In what ways does same-sex marriage depart from the Creator’s design?
- What steps can we take to rebuild a strong biblical ethic for marriage in America?
- Take time to pray for healthy Christ-honoring marriages at Shoestring.
- Pray for spiritual awakening and revival in America.