

# The king and his kingdom

## The faithfulness of the king

Matthew 19:1–12

### 1. Divorce and eunuchs: an exposé of Israel's response to God

(Genesis 1:27, 2:24; Deuteronomy 24:1–4)

Marriage explained

Eunuchs exonerated (cf Deuteronomy 23:1)

Hearts exposed

### 2. Divorce and eunuchs: an illustration of God's response to Israel

Divorce and the people of God ('adulterous', 12:39, 16:4; cf Jeremiah 3:1–10)

Eunuchs and the people of God (cf Isaiah 56:1–8)

#### Questions for discussion and reflection:

- What surprises you about God's design for marriage / singleness? What is good about it?
- What sort of excuses do we make for others' rejection of God's word? Why?
- How is God responding to such people? Why do you need to hear that at the moment?