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What has been your traditional understanding of the purpose of marriage? What about divorce? Do you find yourself in the camp of either Shammai or Hillel?

When the topic of divorce comes up, what's your first reaction? How does it compare to Jesus' first response? What is the connect between the God's identity (Trinity), humanity, (image-bearers) and marriage?

If marriage is a sacred covenant, what is divorce? Do we think of divorce as breaking that covenant or a legal declaration? How does that inform the handling divorce in the church?

When divorce comes to the church community, how has it been handled? Who/what is advocated for? What is the goal of the process? What is the impact on all people involved?

Human relationships are complex. How are we to handle tensions in or breakdowns of marriage? When do we cross the boundaries God has given us? Is it clear? What should be our end goal?

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