

Study Guide

Violence Against Women and Children on the Mexico-US Border

Video 3: Machism - Machismo

This is the second of four videos dealing with violence against women and children on the Mexico-US Border. It focuses on some of the causes of violence in Ciudad Juarez against women and children.

BIBLE STUDY

Mathew 19:1-12

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. Large crowds followed him, and he cured them there.

Some Pharisees came to him, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?' He answered, 'Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning "made them male and female", and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' They said to him, 'Why then did Moses command us to give a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her?' He said to them, 'It was because you were so hard-hearted that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but at the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another commits adultery.*

His disciples said to him, 'If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.' But he said to them, 'Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can.'

Questions

1. How God is calling your church to be aware of this social and matrimonial dysfunction?
2. How can your church be an instrument of justice for women on your own community?
3. How do you respond to Ephesians 5:28 in light of this video and the teachings of Jesus?

ACTIONS

Pray, Give, Get Involved, Learn More

1. Celebrate women's advocate Sunday.
2. Observe *Men of the Church* Sunday (June 17, 2012) with a discussion of what it means to be a Christian man in today's world.