



"Divorce"
Week 7 in an 11-week Series

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Scripture: Matthew 5:31-32
Series: "Sermon on the Mount" – Week 7 of 11

SECTION 1 – GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

This section of Scripture can be very challenging to discuss for some people based on a number of factors – their own experience of divorce – how they have been affected by divorce in their own family. Tread lightly and be sensitive to the needs of people in the group.

1. What does Jesus reference from the Old Testament in this passage?
2. How does Jesus' teaching about divorce differ from the cultural norms of His time?
3. What exception does Jesus mention in verse 32, and why might it be significant? What other exceptions are talked about in Scripture? (1 Corinthians 7 and Matthew 19 might help here)
4. What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate about marriage and commitment here?

5. How does this teaching fit within the larger context of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7)?
6. Why do you think Jesus equates improper divorce with causing adultery?
7. What does this passage reveal about God’s design for marriage and faithfulness?

SECTION 2 – PRAYER

If there are married people in your group, how might their marriages be strengthened? Pray for those marriages to be strong. Spend time asking God to bring healing or restoration to all the broken relationships around you.

SECTION 3 – SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Are you married? When was the last time you looked at your wedding vows? Can you go back and look at them? What do you notice about them? How might reflection about those vows strengthen your marriage relationship now? Maybe spend time talking with your spouse about the vows you have taken and how God can help you in the midst of trying to keep them.