

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT

### Marriage and Divorce

#### **Scriptures:**

Matthew 5:31-32

Matthew 19:1-12

Deuteronomy 24:1

1 Corinthians 7:15

Ephesians 5:8-11

#### **5 POINTS ABOUT MARRIAGE: Matthew 19:1-12**

**1. Marriage was created by God** (*v. 4a*)

**2. Marriage is between one man and one woman** (*v. 4b*)

**3 Marriage is the making of a new family** (*v. 5*)

**4 Marriage was intended to be exclusive and permanent** (*v. 5-6*)

**5 Marriage is not for everyone (Singleness is not for everyone either)** (*v. 10-12*)

“Difficult though this is, we must remember two things. It is not possible for the ethics of the kingdom to be articulated in anything less than ideal terms. And yet the

Lord is consistently compassionate to those who fail, repent, and come back to him for restoration. This passage follows hard on the heels of one that expresses the unbounded mercy and forgiveness of God. So legalistic rigorism is as inappropriate for the Christian community as is casual divorce.”

- John Stott, “The Message of Matthew: the kingdom of Heaven”

- 1. The reality of abuse** (the consequence of sin)
- 2. The need for community** (walking in the light)
- 3. The need for grace and truth in areas of tension**
- 4. The wisdom of time**
- 5. The hope of reconciliation** (the road to healing)

#### **RESOURCES (Links published on JICC App)**

**3DQ - 3 Discipleship questions to ask each other:** What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it? How can I help?

**Additional Questions will be posted tomorrow on the church app.**

#### **Follow up Support:**

This link was made available two weeks ago and we decided to post it again. Responses are confidential and are divided between men and women. They will get to two leaders in our care ministry. Some of the specific resources:

- Prayer appointments
- Sexual integrity classes
- Marriage Workshop
- Additional marriage care and counseling resources



#### **Wayne Grudem Article that was referenced:**

<http://www.waynegrudem.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Grounds-for-divorce-paper.08.docx>