

Sermon

ON THE MOUNT

Discussion Guide — Divorce & Remarriage

Main Idea

Pastor Matt, this week, taught on Jesus' section of the sermon on the mount talking about divorce and remarriage. This is a tough section in today's culture because divorce is common place in our society. When spouses disagree, it is easier to dissolve the marriage than to work together to resolve the issues. Jesus makes it plain that divorce was never the intention for marriage, except for specific situations. Our marriages should be an example of our relationship with God, instead.

Make It Practical

- God's Plan for Marriage Is One Man and One Woman until Separated by Death
- Sexual Immorality Constitutes Biblical Grounds for Divorce
- Divorce and Remarriage without Biblical Grounds Constitutes Adultery
- Though Divorce Is Permitted in Specific Circumstances, It Is Never Commanded
- Even When There is Biblical Grounds for Divorce, God's Desire Is for Reconciliation and Restoration If Possible
- Those Who Are Guilty of the Sin of Adultery Should Repent and Pursue Anew God's Standards of Sanctity in Marriage
- Jesus Expects Divorce to Be The Rare exception and Not the Rule within the Community of Faith

“But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

Matthew 5:32

Talk About It

1. Why is divorce such a hard topic to talk about in our culture? Why does it seem so prevalent?
2. Have you been personally affected by divorce in your life (parents, family, friends, etc.)? How has that shaped your view on divorce?
3. Which of the seven points (see “Make it Practical”) stands out to you the most and why?
4. What are some practical things that you can do to prevent (or recover) from the affects of divorce in your own life?

