

# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Summer Series: [You Asked For It](#)

Message: For Better or Worse:

What Does the Bible Teach About Divorce and Remarriage?

Speaker: Shawn Vandop

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## Connect (25min)

\*Form groups of 3-4 people to enhance your sharing.

### 1. Summer Psalms

Read [Psalm 40](#) and open your time together in prayer.

### 2. Three Key Things

- a. Who is a Key Person in your faith journey, and why?
- b. Where is a Key Place in your faith journey, and why?
- c. What is a Key Event in your faith journey, and why?

## Message Discussion (45min)

### 1. Sunday Feedback

- a. What did you learn from Sunday's message? What encouraged you or challenged you?
- b. What is one thing you can apply to your life?
- c. Do you think the culture's view of divorce is any different than what those in the church think and practice? Why/why not?

### 2. Jesus On Marriage & Divorce

- a. Shawn talked about "Grace and Truth" and how Jesus modeled both perfectly. Why is grace and truth so important when dealing with a topic such as divorce and remarriage? Discuss.
- b. Read [Matthew 5:31-32](#) and [Matthew 19:3-6](#). How do these words of Jesus make you feel? What kind of emotions do you experience when you read these words from Jesus? What do you think of Jesus?
- c. What is Jesus most focused on in his teaching? Marriage or Divorce? Why does Jesus focus on marriage more than Divorce?
- d. Jesus teaches that ONENESS is not the goal of marriage but the result of marriage. What is oneness and why is it so important to God?
- e. Read [Matthew 19:7-10](#). Why is facing the truth about divorce and remarriage so key to experiencing the grace of God in our lives? Discuss.

### 3. Grounds for Divorce

Shawn laid out the following grounds for divorce. Read & discuss them one by one.

- a. THE GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE ARE A CONCESSION, NOT A COMMAND.
- b. Divorce is not always sinful, but it is always a product of sin.
- c. Divorce is permitted, but not required, on the grounds of sexual immorality.
- d. Divorce is permitted, but not required, on the grounds of desertion by an unbelieving spouse. Read [1 Corinthians 7:12-15](#)
- e. When the divorce was not permissible, any subsequent remarriage (to someone other than the original spouse) results in adultery.

#### 4. Grace

- a. Shawn talked about how there is grace available to those who have divorced and those who have remarried. What were the two kinds of grace he described? (**Sustaining Grace** and **Redeeming Grace**) What is the difference between the two, and how do they each impact us? Discuss.
- b. How should we engage with those who have divorced and those who have remarried? How does God see them?

### Application & Prayer (20min)

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#### 1. Challenge

- a. Pray for and encourage those who have experienced or impacted by divorce and remarriage.
- b. Pray for and encourage marriages in our church and community.
- c. Pray for and encourage engaged couples who are preparing for marriage.

#### 2. In response to Sunday's Message and our discussion:

How can we pray for you and the people in your life who need to know Jesus?

#### 3. Continue to Pray for our 2024 Prayer Goals.

**20 PRAYER  
24 GOALS**

**A PASSION TO PRAY** Personally, and corporately. That we would become a church OF prayer.

**A FRESH VISITATION** of the Holy Spirit that results in a willingness to respond to all He gives us and calls us to.

For at least 200 new people to **ATTEND** our Set Free and Empower Retreats.

That we **MAKE ROOM** for more people to experience wholeness in Christ.