

Divorce, Remarriage, and Marriage Matthew 5:31-32

What is Jesus correcting? (vv.31-32)

He's correcting the way the Pharisees distorted Deuteronomy 24:1-4 (see Matthew 19:1-12).

They took Deut 24 as Moses' encouraging men to divorce their wives for almost any reason at all. But Jesus corrects them by affirming the seriousness of divorce.

What does Jesus teach about divorce, marriage, and remarriage? (vv.31-32)

Don't divorce your spouse for any reason other than his or her sexual immorality.

Don't marry someone who has been divorced unless their divorce involved their spouse's sexual immorality

Do stay faithful to your spouse and nurture your marriage.

How can we stay faithful to our spouses and nurture our marriages?

Each of you develop your own daily rhythm of earnest prayer and meditation on God's Word.

Battle sexual lust, using the suggestions from last week's teaching.

Understand and live the roles God has established for marriage.

Invest time talking through sensitive topics like money and sex

Be clear on the purpose of your marriage — displaying Christ and the church, and glorifying Christ by raising children in the Lord, building other believers, and advancing the Gospel.

Quickly take every hurt and bitterness to the Cross.

Speak only kind words to each other.

Spend time together in the Word and Prayer.

Outdo each other in serving the other.

Love Jesus more than each other.



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HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Before Sunday's teaching, what were your convictions about divorce, marriage, and remarriage?

How did Jesus' teaching change your understanding?

If you are married, which of these steps is easiest for you to take? Which is the hardest? Why?

If you are single, what are some ways you could help married couples be strong in their marriages?

What are you going to do differently because of these Scriptures?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.



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