

Sermon Discussion Questions, May 1, 2011
The Sermon on the Mount -Week Ten
Obeying God in Your Marriage, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine
Matthew 5:31-32, 19:9, Mark 10:10-12, Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

GOSPELS– There are four major passages in the gospels dealing with divorce and remarriage.

1. How does American culture view marriage and divorce? How does the “Church” in America view marriage and divorce? From your own life experiences, how do divorces affect individuals and families?
2. What do the gospel passages (Matthew 5:31-32; 19:9; Luke 16:18; Mark 10:10-12) teach about divorce and remarriage? Are there any other conditions that might fit the exception clause? What if a troubled marriage doesn’t meet the conditions of a biblical divorce?

EPISTLES – The central passage about divorce and remarriage in Paul’s writings come in 1 Cor. 7:10-16.

3. Skim 1 Cor. 7:10-16 and Matthew 18. What are the biblical principles for marriage in these verses? What is the hard truth in these passages?
4. What is the grace part of these passages? What if you have divorced because of improper reasons in the past and maybe you remarried? How do you approach your new marriage?

KEY THEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLE – To avoid divorce or to heal after divorce, we desperately need God’s grace. Romans 5:20

5. Define grace. How could we abuse God’s grace in the face of a troubled marriage? What should one do if they find themselves in marital pain?
6. What is the church’s responsibility to those in marital pain and crisis? How should we, as individuals, counsel those who are suffering marital conflict and possible divorce?

