

*The Sermon on the Mount – Week Ten****Obeying God in Your Marriage****Matthew 5:31-32; 19:9; Mark 10:10-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16*

Matthew 5:31-32: “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

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

- A. Matthew presents two statements about divorce and remarriage. Mark and Luke present one each.
- B. What does Jesus mean in the two exception clauses in Matthew?
- C. When would divorce and remarriage be permitted according to Jesus?
- D. Are there any other conditions that might fit the exception clauses?
- E. What if a marriage doesn’t meet the conditions of biblical divorce?

2. *EPISTLES* – The central passage about divorce and remarriage in Paul’s writings comes in 1 Corinthians 7:10-16.

- A. Paul reiterates Jesus’ views and expands on them.
- B. Is there another condition that might fit Paul’s exception clause?
- C. When we combine the words of Jesus and the words of Paul we see two principles:
Principle number one: _____
Principle number two: _____
- D. What if I participated in a divorce that was harmful in the past?

3. *KEY THEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLE* – To avoid divorce or to heal after divorce, we desperately need God’s grace. *Romans 5:21*

- A. Divorce is not the unforgiveable sin.
- B. When think about God’s grace in divorce we have to understand two things:
 The problem of taking God’s grace in vain: _____
 The problem of forgetting repentance: _____
- C. The church should be the champion of God’s grace and healing.