

MARRIAGE/DIVORCE

Matthew 5:31-32

MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message continues through the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus speaks to those who are blessed, not the religious elite, and emphasizes a righteousness that surpasses legalistic adherence to rules. He provides six examples where he contrasts traditional understandings with a deeper, heart-centered approach. In this sermon, we explore Jesus' teaching on divorce, particularly focusing on Matthew 5:31-32. Jesus addresses the crowd, emphasizing a kingdom mindset that goes beyond mere adherence to laws and touches the heart of human relationships and intentions.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. How have you seen divorce impact families and communities in your experience?
3. Read Matthew 5:31 and [Deuteronomy 24:1](#) - What are some ways rabbis were interpreting "something indecent" at that time?
4. Read Matthew 5:32 and Matthew 19:3-9. What stands out to you in Jesus' teaching on divorce? In what ways is Jesus challenging the cultural norms of his time regarding women in divorce?
5. How does Jesus' perspective on marriage and divorce reflect God's character and His relationship with us?
6. In what ways can we, as a small group, encourage and support each other in relationships?
 - a. Resources
 - i. Books: "The Meaning of Marriage" by Tim Keller
 - ii. Programs: RelEngage starting September 2024 at Northland
7. Pray for the church to be a place of support, grace, healing, and truth for all individuals, regardless of their marital status.