

1. As we've said, these teachings of Jesus can be difficult. What do you find difficult understand, receive, believe or apply from the teachings about divorce?

2. Read **Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-9**.

What are your observations from these verses? What do you hear Jesus saying clearly about divorce and remarriage? How does this align or conflict what you believe?

What was the only exception Jesus gave for divorce? What does Paul say in **1 Corinthians 7:10-16** that also relates? Why are all other reasons not valid?

In what ways are Jesus' words against divorce helpful to us as believers?

3. When a spouse is unfaithful, is divorce commanded or permissible? What's the difference? What do you believe is God's ideal path forward?

If the unfaithful spouse is repentant, how can the Gospel be shown through a reconciled marriage? What other benefits are there when a marriage is reconciled?

Spiritually speaking, how has God responded to us (the Bride of Christ) in our unfaithfulness to Him? How does this reveal His heart and love toward us? What verses would you point to? What experiences have you had in unfaithfulness and God's forgiveness and grace?

4. Jesus (and the Scriptures) teach that divorce should not be the norm in the Kingdom of God. How can a church (and a LIFE group for that matter) do to help marriages last and stand the tests that come?

5. Bigger picture, Jesus' teaching on divorce comes right after his teaching about lust. How are these two connected?

6. Put it all together: What was God's design for marriage? How has it been twisted by sin? How can Christ followers bring healing to marriage through the Gospel? How will Christ restore marriage completely one day (cf. **Revelation 19:7-9**)?



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We're glad you're here! Take a moment to fill-out a Connection Card and let us know more about you! If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children's & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: [www.NBchurchCF.org!](http://www.NBchurchCF.org)

MESSAGE SERIES

**TODAY'S MESSAGE:**  
**SERMON ON THE MOUNT**  
Jesus & Divorce | Matthew 5:31-32, 19:3-9

**NEXT WEEK:**  
**SERMON ON THE MOUNT**  
Jesus & How to Treat Others | Matthew 5:33-42

WORSHIP ORDER

UNSTOPPABLE GOD

WELCOME

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

GOODNESS OF GOD

**OFFERING, SCRIPTURE & PRAYER**

**NOTE:** IF YOU FEEL LED TO GIVE THIS MORNING, YOU CAN DO SO: (1) THROUGH THE CHURCH CENTER APP, (2) BY TEXTING THE \$\$ AMOUNT TO 84321 OR (3) DROPPING IT IN THE OFFERING BOX IN THE LOBBY!

MESSAGE

YES I WILL

SEND-OFF & PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

Sundays  
**Romans Study**  
Room 202 | 9:15am

**Berean Class**  
Room 203 | 9:30am

**Alternative Adult Elective**  
Overflow Room | 9:30am

Thursday 7:00pm  
**Men's Bible Study**

Various Times & Days  
**LIFE Groups**  
**Real-Life Discipleship Bible Studies**

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NEXT STEPS

New to Northampton? Join us at our next **STARTING POINT LUNCH**  
Sunday, July 10! Info and sign-up [nbchurchcf.org](http://nbchurchcf.org)

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# UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

## WELCOME TO NORTHAMPTON!

We're glad you've decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and download the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

## PEW REMOVAL

If you're available, plan to stay after the worship service this morning for a light lunch and help with the removal of the remaining pews! With a number of people, it will not take very long!

## ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT

SAVE THE DATE! Plan to stay after church on **Sunday, July 3** for a cookout! Please bring a **side dish to share** and join us! Sign-up at [nbchurchcf.org](http://nbchurchcf.org) or the Church Center App!

## STARTING POINT

Our next Starting Point Lunch will be on **July 10, 2022 [12:30-2:00PM]**. This is for all **new to Northampton** attendees who would like to learn more about who we are, what we do and why we do it! Please sign-up today in the app or [nbchurchcf.org](http://nbchurchcf.org)! **Deadline to sign-up is July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## COMMUNION

We will be celebrating Communion on **Sunday, July 10** as part of the Worship time together.

## HYMNALS

If you'd like to have a Red Hymnal before they are donated, please pick one up in the lobby today!

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast (the second Saturday of each month) will be on **July 09** at **8:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the lobby today!

# MESSAGE NOTES

PASTOR JOE PRYOR

## THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - WK 7

Jesus & Divorce | Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-9

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

Proverbs 4:23

## Jesus & Divorce

*God's Plan for Marriage*

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*Divorce & Remarriage*