



Discipleship and Divorce

Mark 10:1-12 | October 21, 2012 | John Crawford

Three Pastoral Challenges...

- There are a number of valid approaches one could take in addressing this subject.
- There are many complex scenarios regarding this subject, in which we don't find simple, easy answers in the Bible.
- There are differences of opinion among Bible-believing Christians when it comes to this subject.

Three Key Questions...

- What is marriage?
 - Marriage is the sacred union between one man and one woman. (Mark 10:6-8)
 - God's intention is that marriage last a lifetime. (Mark 10:9)
- Is divorce ever permissible?
 - Divorce is permissible on the ground of adultery. (Matthew 19:1-12)
 - ▶ We are not looking for reasons to divorce.
 - ▶ We are longing for reconciliation to occur.
 - Divorce is permissible on the ground of abandonment by an unbelieving spouse. (1 Corinthians 7:12-16)
- Is remarriage ever permissible?
 - In situations where the divorce was permissible, remarriage is also permissible.
 - When the divorce was not permissible, any subsequent marriage (to someone other than the original spouse) results in adultery. (Mark 10:11-12 ; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11)

Six Practical Applications...

- If you are single, don't view marriage casually.
- If you are married, stay married, guard your marriage and grow in your marriage.
- If you are married and contemplating divorce, then don't give up hope.
- If you are divorced for a biblical reason and single, then receive the comfort of God and His church and glorify God in your current singleness and potential future marriage.
- If you are divorced for an unbiblical reason and single, repent, rest in the grace of God, remain single and if possible reconcile with your former spouse.
- If you are divorced for an unbiblical reason and married, repent, glorify God in your current marriage and make whatever amends are necessary.

Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today. If you are a first time visitor we are so glad you are here and pray that you feel welcome. If you have any specific questions about our church, the service, sermon or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Feel free to stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. If you have time we'd also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card which is located at the Welcome Table.

Service Needs

- Childcare - We are in need of someone to serve in the Preschool room the third Sunday of every month. We are also in need of someone to serve in the Toddler room any time there is a fifth Sunday in a month. If you would like to serve in any of these roles please contact Deb Wedekind (debwedekind@kc.surewest.net).
- Worship Gathering Set-Up Help - We sure could use some extra help to set up for our Worship Gatherings at 8:30am each Sunday morning. Please contact Josh Reasons if you are able to serve in this way.

Family Gathering

On Sunday night, October 28th, from 5-6pm we are having a Family Gathering for all members of our church. If you are a member then we highly encourage you to attend. The purpose of the gathering will be to affirm new members who have just recently completed the membership process, pray and discuss some business issues of the church. We will be meeting at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center (11902 Lowell Avenue). Childcare will be provided.

Neighborhood Halloween Party

On Wednesday night, October 31st, we are hosting a neighborhood Halloween party at the Crawford's (9901 Woodson) from 5:45-8:30pm. We will have a whole host of different carnival type games set up for kids to play as they stop by and trick or treat. We are going to need a whole lot of help to pull this off! If you are interested in volunteering then please contact Garrett Thomas (trumpet707@aol.com or (913) 921-0551).

Multiply Webcast

On Friday night, November 9th, from 7-10pm, we will be teaming up with Wornall Road Baptist Church to host the Multiply simulcast featuring David Platt and Francis Chan. The purpose of the Multiply gathering is to help inspire, equip and encourage followers of Christ to make disciples. The event is free and will be held at Wornall Road Baptist Church (400 W Meyer Blvd., KC, MO). Please invite others to join us! Childcare will be provided. For more information visit www.multiplymovement.com.

Discipleship Communities

Discipleship Communities is our fancy name for "small groups." Each group meets during the week on a regular basis in someone's home. If you are interested in visiting a Discipleship Community please stop by the Information Table in the lobby for a list of groups, meeting locations and times.

Sunday Morning Offering

Most churches typically pass a plate to collect their financial offering each Sunday morning. We are all for that, however our process is a little different. If you'd like to financially contribute toward our church related ministries then you can place your gift in the offering box located on the table at the back of the gym.

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