

Discussion Questions
“Sermon on the Mount: Mind and Marriage”
Matthew 5:27-32

1. Why is divorce so difficult to talk about? What are some stigmas or assumptions people have about divorce?
2. Re-read Matthew 5:27-32. Then read Matthew 19:1-12. How does Jesus expand on his teaching in chapter 19, is it more helpful or more confusing?
3. The Old Testament law Jesus referenced is found in Deuteronomy 24:1-4. Read this passage and compare it to Matthew 19:1-12. What did Jesus want to make clearer to his listeners and followers? What is God's intent with marriage?
4. One of the difficulties with all relationships is the other person may hurt us, if one person decides to quit or makes foolish choices, it won't work. As we study the Sermon on the Mount, look back at Matthew 5:3-10. How might these blessings apply to marriage, or any relationship? Is it possible to live this way with others, even though they may hurt us? And when is it time to move on and break off a relationship?
5. These are difficult subjects because we all have stories and different experiences. What are you learning about your own experiences and story? What can you apply to your relationships going forward? How can we heal from wounds of the past and grow in faith and perseverance? (Matthew 5:3-10)