

# Extraordinary

Part 22: Divorce 1  
Matthew 5:31-32

## Launch

Do you believe in making New Year's resolutions? If so, what is yours this year?

## Explore

**Read Matthew 5:31-32 and Matthew 19:3-12**

What were the assumptions and cultural norms about divorce at the time?

How was Jesus' teaching countercultural at the time? What about now?

Why do you think the disciples thought it was better to not marry?

What do these passages teach us about God? Ourselves? The gospel?

## Apply

Divorce is prominent in our culture, even among Christians. Why do you think this is the case?

Jeff laid out several different perspectives on the allowance of divorce and remarriage: no divorce, divorce but no remarriage, and divorce and remarriage within limits. Where do you fall on this issue?

On most controversial issues, our posture is just as important as our position. How can we approach divorce and remarriage with a posture of humility, grace, and love? What does that tangibly look like?

## Pray

Pray for people impacted by divorce, for an environment of grace and truth, and for believers to honor God with our lives.