## Committed Kingdom Marriages

MT. 5.31-32

Review the Sermon

"So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." Matthew 19:6

## Read Mt. 5.31-32 and Mt. 19.1-12. Why does Jesus go back to the original establishment of marriage in Genesis in his response to divorce? What is the difference between seeing divorce as an "exception" rather than an "option"? What does Jesus define as the cause of divorce? How does the gospel respond? ASSESS YOUR Life Do you have a high view of marriage and the permanence of a covenant made before God? How has the culture's view of "no-fault" divorce affected your own perspective?

Does it bother you to hear the general biblical principle that God hates divorce?

Have you been able to persevere in difficult circumstances, or do you look for a way out?

## Apply the Truth

How can you recognize the hardening of your heart? What can be done to soften it?
What actions can you take to reconcile a broken relationship or – if that is not possible – to
do all you can to minimize the damage of what has already been irreparably broken.
If married, what can you do today to show an urgency for strengthening the marriage
covenant you made before God? If single, is it possible to demonstrate the high value you
place on the covenant of marriage?
Commit this Week
COMMINICUMS WEEK
Will you commit this week to returning to a high view of the sanctity and permanence of
marriage?

"Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so." Matthew 19:8