



arrhythmia

Choose the format that works with your family:

Pick a few questions and ask casually during the week, Have a small group discussion at lunch, or Have a small group with your teen and their friends.
Take what your teens give you, don't force it. Slowly create a culture of authentic conversation

MATTHEW 5:31-32 | Aug 15

DIVORCE

THE TEXT | *Matthew 5:31-32; Deut 24:1-4; Matt 19:3-12; 1 Cor 7:15*

PLAY | WHAT DOES IT TAKE? | IT will approach a player and say a task/job/commitment (like baseball, buying a car, passing a test) and the person must name three things they would need to complete it within 5 seconds. If they fail, they become IT. Use a pool noodle or folder papers to swat the players legs after the 5 count. **Lead In:** In today's passage, Jesus talks about one of the most difficult commitments known to man: marriage. As with most of us, when things get hard we are tempted to quit. Jesus talks about this.

SHARE | Share about a time you quit?
Share about a time that you wanted to quit, but didn't?

DISCUSS | Read **MATTHEW 5:31-32** and discuss:

- What stands out to you?
- What does it reveal about God?
- What does this tell us about our nature?
- What do you like/dislike about this verse?
- What do you need to do about this truth this week?

Use the above questions to discuss any of today's Scriptures.

MARRIAGE |

CONTRACT OR COVENANT



- WHAT'S THIS MEAN?
- HOW IS THE CONTRACT APPROACH TO MARRIAGE DESTRUCTIVE?
- HOW IS THE COVENANT APPROACH BETTER?

PRAY |

Pray together as a family. If your family has been affect by divorce, pray for all those affected. Ask God for wisdom. Ask God for healing. Ask God for direction.

**SHAMMA
OR HILLEL**



WHO WERE THEY?
WHAT DID THEY BELIEVE?
WHO WAS RIGHT?

TALKITOVER



ADULTERY
ABANDONMENT
ABUSE

PARENT CHECK |

Ok, let's face it, divorce just doesn't seem to be a compelling topic of study for a teenager. Most are years away from thinking about marriage. Yet, for many divorce has become a daily reality. Discussing the Biblical view and implications for divorce can be challenging intellectually and even more so emotionally. If the idea of talking to your teen about Biblical grounds for divorce is personal, you would do well to remember the first words of Jesus' sermon, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Sometimes, allowing our kids to see our brokenness, allows them to witness the healing and restoration only Jesus can bring.