

Keeping Our Word in a World of Loopholes

Matthew 5:31-37

PODS Small Group Discussion Questions

1. How do the words we speak influence others' trust in us? In what ways does society today sometimes overlook the importance of honest speech?
2. Which part of the sermon challenged or resonated most with you? How might it impact your daily life?
3. How should Jesus' teachings on marriage and divorce shape our understanding of the sanctity of vows and commitment?
4. Read Deuteronomy 24:1-4 and Matthew 5:31-32. What were the people taught about divorce? How does Jesus' response clarify or challenge those teachings?
5. Compare Jesus' teaching on marriage and divorce in Matthew 19:3-9 to contemporary views. How does Jesus' perspective redefine the purpose of marriage?
6. Why does Jesus include exceptions for divorce? How should those exceptions influence our attitude toward marriage?
7. Reflecting on your own experience, how do Jesus' words about vows and integrity speak into your personal life, whether in marriage, work, or relationships?
8. What practical steps can you take to foster trustworthiness and integrity in your relationships this week?
9. Have you ever found it difficult to keep a promise or vow? What have you learned from that experience about honesty and character?

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10. How can we, as a faith community, encourage each other to be people whose words and commitments are fully trustworthy?