

Divorce & Remarriage – Handout #4
Some Questions, Some Implications and Some Applications

Questions:

- ▶ What about cases of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, verbal) or neglect?
- ▶ What if I have been divorced for another reason and I am remarried? Am I in perpetual adultery? Should I end my re-marriage and return to my first spouse?
- ▶ Is divorce and/or remarriage for sinful reasons unforgiveable?
- ▶ What if I disagree with your position on the question of divorce & remarriage?

Implications:

- ▶ Because of the difficulty in interpreting these passages and the widespread disagreement among godly men and women who are sincerely and prayerfully searching the Scriptures, we must absolutely take a gracious stance in communicating our beliefs and in fellowshiping through disagreement.
- ▶ It is not okay for us to simply accept the culture's view of marriage, divorce & remarriage—we must look to Scripture as even Jesus did.
- ▶ It might be better not to get married!

Applications:

- ▶ If you are not married, consider well whether you should marry!
- ▶ If you are married, and your spouse is faithful to you and is not abandoning you, stay married!
- ▶ If you have gone through a divorce because your spouse was unfaithful or abandoned you, do not accept shame or condemnation from others for your divorce!
- ▶ If you have divorced for another reason, and have not remarried, confess it as sin, accept God's free forgiveness, and either stay single or pursue reconciliation with your former spouse! (1 Cor 7:11)
- ▶ If you have divorced for another reason and have remarried, confess it as sin, accept God's free forgiveness, and pursue the healthiest, holiest marriage possible!
