

Information

Questions about Our Sunday Morning Series?

If you have questions about marriage, divorce, or remarriage that are not answered by our Sunday morning series, please send an e-mail to info@gracechurch.com with the subject line "marriage series question."



Compassion International

Today you have the opportunity to change the life of a child through sponsorship with Compassion International. **Visit the information table in the Main Hall for details.**

Family Matters

Please pray for the family of Kyle Brown as they grieve his passing.
Please pray for Julia Whitmire and family as they grieve the passing of her father.



This Week at Grace

 : Childcare is available
 : Online registration suggested
 : Payment required

Churchwide

Worship Services

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM in the Gymnasium

Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

Small Groups

K-Groups

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at various locations

Our small groups meet in homes around the city to develop Christ-centered relationships.

Children

Kids Quest

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Children's Ministry Area

For children ages 4–4th grade to help them build a Bible world view through various activities.

5th & 6th Grade

Breakaway

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Meet with friends for worship music and a small group study of New Testament characters and events.

Junior High

Junior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at The G.Y.M.

Students meet for fun activities, student-led worship music, and a study of the Bible in a small group setting.

Senior High

Senior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at The G.Y.M.

Students meet for fun activities, student-led worship music, and a study of the book of Galatians: *Faith > Law*.

College

Late Night & Late Night Hangout

Thursday, 7:00–10:00 PM at The G.Y.M.

Come together for live worship music and this semester's large group study of the prophetic timeline.

Adults

Worship-based Prayer

Wednesday, 8:00–9:00 AM in the Dining Room

Start your day with this mid-week time of worship and prayer.

Caring Graciously for the Aging

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Mesquite Room

This series is designed to equip caregivers with tools to navigate through medical, legal, and financial issues.

The Book of Genesis

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room

The study based on the Torah readings from Genesis covers the biblical journey from creation to completion.

Financial Peace University

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208

Learn God's way of handling money through video sessions and small group activities.

Men

33: The Series

Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM, or 7:00–8:30 PM in the Loft

Recognize the obstacles and tensions that men can experience at work in this small group study.

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Ongoing fellowship for men who desire authenticity.

Men's Bible Study

Friday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Tejas Room

Tom Rodgers leads this study "to discover the character of God" from the 12 minor prophets of Hebrew Scripture.

Women

Engage

Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208

Connect with others, God, and the world through *Mercy Came Running*, a study of God's mercy that pursues us.

Beth Moore Video Study

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room

Children of the Day is a study of God's impeccable timing based on Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

Respectfully Yours

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209

We know that love best motivates a woman, but what motivates a man? Find out in this 9-week video study.

MOMs Book Study

Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in the Tejas Room

Grace-Based Parenting by Dr. Tim Kimmel offers a refreshing look at parenting (where rules and checklists don't work).

Senior Adults

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in the Dining Room

Brandon Carpenter leads this weekly study of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Lesson 3: Biblically-Justified Divorces, Part 2

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

The Bible permits divorce in several situations, but it should be the last resort after all righteous attempts have been made to preserve the covenant of companionship.

- I. For divorces before becoming a Christian—*2 Corinthians 5:17*.
- II. For desertion by an unbelieving spouse—*1 Corinthians 7:12–16*.
- III. For sexual immorality—*Deuteronomy 24:1–4, Matthew 19:3–9*.
- IV. For neglect of material provisions, emotional needs, or marital love: Jesus agreed with the contemporary rabbinical interpretation of Exodus 21:10–11, which held that a failure to provide adequate food, clothing, and marital love provided biblical justification for divorce.
 - A. The relationship between Jesus Christ and the Mosaic Law: As the Messiah, Jesus did not come to destroy the Hebrew Scriptures, but to affirm and provide their correct interpretation—*Matthew 5:17*.
 1. When Jesus corrected a misinterpretation of the Mosaic tradition, He was fulfilling His responsibility to provide its true interpretation, but when He was silent about a subject, His silence affirmed the contemporary interpretation—*Matthew 5:21–48*.
 2. We are responsible to obey Jesus' adaptation of the Mosaic Law in light of His work in providing the New Covenant—*2 Timothy 3:16–17; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 7:11–12*.
 3. Generally speaking, we are responsible to follow the instructions of the Older Testament when it addresses a specific issue, unless that instruction has been adapted in the New Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - B. A consideration of Exodus 21:10–11: The Mosaic Law teaches that neglecting a slave wife's provision of food, clothing, and marital love constitutes grounds for a justified divorce.
 1. The three provisions in verse 10 are best understood as food, clothing, and marital love.
 2. "There are no records of disputes among the rabbis about any of these grounds for divorce based on Exodus 21:10–11 except in matters of detail...from at least the beginning of the first century..." (David Instone-Brewer).
 3. The justification for making a law about divorce for slave wives the basis for divorce for all wives is based on an *a fortiori* argument or *kal vachomer*, which was commonly used in rabbinical teaching.
 4. We know that Jesus held this position on Exodus 21:10–11 as the basis of divorce law, because He upheld Torah (Matthew 5:17) and never corrected the contemporary rabbinical interpretation and application as erroneous, as He had at other times (cp. Matthew 5:21–48).
 5. The failure to provide conjugal rights was well recognized as a form of emotional neglect and the basis for justified divorce, as were cruelty, humiliation, and any persistent violation of marital vows.

Main books used in our study, both of which are by Dr. David Instone-Brewer: *Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible: The Social and Literary Context* and *Divorce and Remarriage in the Church: Biblical Solutions for Pastoral Realities*

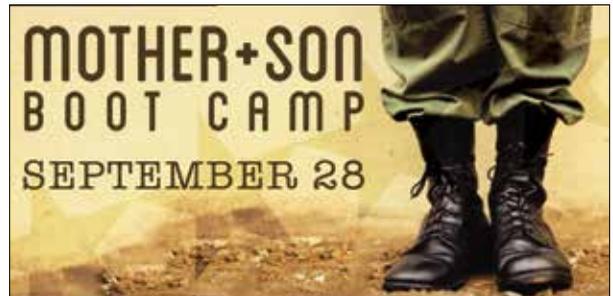
What's Next

| ⓘ : Information available in the Main Hall this morning



GRACE U
101 - 201 - 301
SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 12-26

Learn more about the building blocks of Grace Church and the process of discipleship in this three-part class. Come for one or all three! **October 12-26 at 9:00 AM ⓘ**



MOTHER+SON
BOOT CAMP
SEPTEMBER 28

Moms, gear up for a great time with your little troopers (up through the 4th grade). Enlist today at our table in the Main Hall! **Sunday, September 28 at 5:30 PM ⓘ**



Hymns for Him
SEPTEMBER 28 AT 6:30 PM

Everyone who loves traditional music is invited to this evening of worship through hymns and gospel favorites. **Sunday, September 28 at 6:30 PM**



medieval times

The Senior Adults are hosting this trip for dinner and jousting at Medieval Times in Dallas. Register by this Friday if you plan to join us! **Friday, October 10 ⓘ**



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