

## Divorce Statistics

Divorce is a national epidemic with more than 1,000,000 divorces each year – about 50% of the annual marriages! Estimates of how many first marriages end in divorce vary, but the divorce rate increases for each subsequent marriage. More than 75% of divorced people re-marry, and they often neglect to confront the issues that contributed to the failure of a previous marriage.

In Trumbull County, about 2,500 people experience the devastation of divorce each year, representing an annual average of 65 to 80 divorces for every 100 marriages! Thousands of others are deeply affected by divorce (i.e., children, parents, etc), thereby elevating the tragedy from personal to the community at large.

## Growing Through Divorce

Recovery from divorce requires dealing with deep and specific needs so that the fullness and joy of life can be restored. “You can GO through divorce, or you can GROW through it,” says Jim Smoke, author of the popular and practical book – Growing Through Divorce.

DRW uses videos to introduce each weekly topic to all participants, and then breaks into small groups for confidential discussion of the material.

- The video series was made by one of the most successful workshops on divorce recovery in the country, having helped more than 13,000 people “grow through divorce” since 1981!
- The small group experience is rated by past participants as making one of the greatest contributions to their healing and growth.

No matter how close or distant the divorce experience is for you, you will find the video presentations, coupled with the mutual support and understanding of others dealing with similar issues, to be tremendously helpful in making one of life’s most difficult adjustments.



### What do past participants say?!

*“I found the sessions very worthwhile and reassuring. It helped me come to the realization that I was not the only one going through the divorce process. It’s good to recognize that not everyone progresses through the various stages at the same pace and, for some, it takes longer to come away feeling better about yourself.”*

- Richard (Human Resources Specialist)

*“I would encourage anyone to come to this Workshop.”*

- Bobbi Jo (Nurse)

*“The Workshop helped me to see that my feelings were not unique - many others were suffering also. But, there is hope and recovery, and we must go on with our lives. The encouragement from the Workshop was a BIG help!”*

- Cliff (Factory Worker)

*“From pain and devastation to hope, healing and growth.”*

- Katie (School Teacher)

*“The Workshop brought me in touch with people who understood me, who helped me to lift my head up again. It helped me to open my eyes to see fully what I was going through, where I was going, and to put it all in perspective.”*

- Michael (Information Analyst)



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# Divorce Recovery Workshop

A workshop for  
everyone who is  
divorced or separated

Six Monday evenings  
Sept. 19th - Oct. 24th, 2011  
7-9 p.m. @ North-Mar  
Church



## The Program

This Workshop is designed to help you deal with the devastation and pain of divorce, and to set you on a positive path toward the future.

Many divorce programs are designed to permit participants to select which sessions to attend according to their interest. We, however, encourage participants to attend both the video and the small group sessions of all six sessions of this Workshop, from the beginning, in order to understand the full range of issues surrounding the divorce experience and to achieve the maximum benefit from the Workshop.

The study guide for the Workshop is Jim Smoke's book, *Growing Through Divorce*.

### Weekly Topics

#### Week One

Is This Really Happening to Me?  
The Three Stages of the Divorce Experience

#### Week Two

Coping with Your Ex-Spouse  
A Relational Reality that Continues to Exist

#### Week Three

Assuming New Responsibilities  
Planning For Yourself and Your Future

#### Week Four

Being a Single Parent  
Becoming a Whole Family  
For Non-Parents  
Topic to be Announced

#### Week Five

Finding & Experiencing Forgiveness  
Overcoming Hate and Hurt

#### Week Six

Thinking About New Relationships  
Relating, Dating and Mating

## Who Should Attend

You are welcome to attend, regardless of religious background or church affiliation, if you are divorced, separated, or experiencing the breakup of your marriage.

Even if you have been divorced for several years, the Workshop can help you identify and work through "unfinished business" that may be having a negative impact on your life today, or may do so in the future.

The Workshop is designed for people who are adjusting to the finality of a broken marriage. It is not for people who have a desire and a realistic opportunity for reconciliation, for those suffering from a failed relationship outside of marriage, or for those coping with the loss of a spouse through death.

### Details

#### Location

North-Mar Church is located on East Market Street just west of North Road. Use the west parking lot entrance and go to the 2nd Floor, rooms C-5&6.

#### Cost

First-time ("New") participants:

- \$15.00 with pre-registration
- \$20.00 with registration at the door
- Includes study guide, *Growing Through Divorce*

Prior ("Repeat") participants of this Workshop:

- \$5.00 with pre-registration
- \$10.00 with registration at the door
- Study guide not included

#### Pre-Registration & Registration

If you pre-register at least one (1) week before the first session, you save money while enabling us time to plan more effectively. To pre-register, simply detach, complete and mail the registration form with the appropriate fee. Registration is available at the door during only the first two sessions.

#### Questions?

Call us any weekday between 8:30a.m. and 4:30p.m. at 330.856.3496. We would be glad to help!



## Divorce Recovery Workshop Registration Form

All information will be kept confidential. Please print legibly.  
Pay registration fee by cash or check payable to **North-Mar Church**.  
Mail completed form with registration fee to:  
**North-Mar Church 3855 E. Market Street, Warren, OH 44484**

Mr.  Ms. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Work  Mobile

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Where did you first hear of the Workshop?**

Church  Friend/Family  Counselor  Newspaper  
 Other (explain: \_\_\_\_\_)

### Registration Fees

Type of Participant:	New	Repeat
Pre-Registration	\$15.00	\$5.00
Register at the door	\$20.00	\$10.00
Book Included	Yes	No

Scholarships and Financial Help available

### Information Needed for small group assignment:

Age:  Under 35  35-44  45-54  55+  
Divorce Status:  Final (Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Pending  Separated # Years Married: \_\_\_\_\_  
Any Children?  No  Yes Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Have Custody:  No  Yes

### For Workshop Use Only

Prior Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment:  Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_