

Bible Study Questions

He Taught Them – Mark 10:1-12

Focus

In addressing the topic of marriage, divorce, and remarriage, Jesus affirms God's will for marriage – that it be a lifelong union between a man and a woman – by faithfully pointing us to the Scriptures and authoritatively interpreting them for us.

Read

[Mark 10:1-12](#)

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CCNYC teaching on Mark 10 which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

1. What does Mark emphasize about the nature of Jesus' ministry in verse 1? Can you think of how that might be significant?
2. What's implied in the Pharisees' question to Jesus? (see Matthew 19:3)
3. What were some of the views of marriage and divorce among the Jewish people in Jesus' day?
4. Read Deuteronomy 24:1-4. What does Jesus mean by His response in verse 5? In what ways were the Pharisees misusing this passage?
5. What does Jesus affirm about marriage in verses 6-10? What stands out to you in what He says here?
6. Compare verses 10-12 with Matthew 5:32 and 19:9. What conclusions should we draw?

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Closing Reflection and Application

7. How has the world changed in the last 60 years with regard to relationships and divorce? What were the social trends behind those changes?

8. What is the definition of 'marriage'? What is the purpose of marriage? How does this affect our view on the legal definition of marriage?

9. What practical affects might result if when we think about marriage we make Genesis 1 and 2 our primary focus instead of passages like Deuteronomy 24?

10. What can a church do to help prevent divorce before it happens? What can we do to help married couples in our church?

11. In what way might it be biblically accurate to say that while every divorce is a result of sin, not every divorce is sin?

12. How can we as a church actively affirm the beauty and goodness of marriage as God intended it – a lifelong union between one man and one woman – while also loving and ministering to our brothers and sisters who have been divorced, who are married to an unbeliever, who are currently single, or who struggle with same-sex attraction?

13. If you're married, take this opportunity to share wisdom: what are some steps you and your spouse have taken that have helpfully strengthened your marriage?

14. If you're single, what are some lessons and applications you will take away from this study?

15. Reflect on some of the descriptions in the Bible that speak of God as the Husband to His people. What do you learn? In particular, consider Ephesians 5:25-33 and Revelation 19:6-9, 21:1-3. How does the gospel help you understand and apply this teaching from Jesus in Mark 9?