
Date: July 9, 2023 **Message:** The Realities of Marriage & Divorce

Series: Gospel of Mark **Scripture:** Mark 10:1-12

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Mark 10:1-12

What is Jesus doing in this passage?

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1. Why do you think the subject of divorce is so often a taboo subject at church? Do you think that is a good thing or a bad thing? Why or why not?
2. What was the cultural context of Jesus' day when it came to divorce (i.e. how it was commonly viewed or talked about)? What is the cultural context around the subject of divorce today? What similarities or differences do you see between then and now?
3. Why, specifically, is there such brokenness in our world around the subject of divorce?
4. What root issues around the various causes of divorce is Jesus addressing in this passage?
5. What does the Bible teach about appropriate or allowable avenues for divorce? What is the difference between the Bible regulating divorce on the one hand, and sanctioning or affirming divorce on the other hand?
6. What does Jesus say in this passage is God's ideal and intention for marriage?
7. In what ways is marriage ultimately a discipleship issue for Christian believers? What is God's goal for those within a marriage? In what ways is marriage meant to be a "divine portrait" of love to the world (see Ephesians 5:31-32)?
8. For followers of Jesus, what is the place for compassion for others with regard to divorce? What would be an appropriate message you could offer to someone who has experienced divorce, or is contemplating it, or has been wounded by it?