

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 18, 2015

Passage: Mark 10:1-12

Memory Passage: Mark 10:9

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 10:1-12.** What might have prompted the Pharisees' question about marriage (v. 1 provides two possible reasons. One hint: remember who ruled over the "region beyond the Jordan" and what you have learned about him in Mark)?

(b) In what ways does the Pharisees' question "test" Jesus?

(c) Why did Jesus ask His question in v. 3? Why didn't He just answer without asking this question?

(d) What significance do you attribute to the fact that Jesus asked what Moses *commanded* but the Pharisees answered with what Moses *allowed*?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 10:1-12 & Deut. 24:1-4.** Did the Pharisees answer Jesus correctly (cf. Deut. 24:1-4)? Why or why not?

(b) What might the "some indecency" be (Deut. 24:1) for which the man in the hypothetical situation divorces his wife?

(c) Write down all of the "if" statements in Deut. 24:1-4. Are these commands? Permissions? Acceptances? Something else?

(d) Write down all of the commands in Deut. 24:1-4. Why is remarrying a woman after she has been divorced from her 2nd husband forbidden?

(e) Choose the proper word: In the OT divorce was (a) commanded, (b), allowed, (c) not allowed, (d) accepted as a possibility but frowned upon? Support your answer (FYI: the only other places divorce is spoken of is when God uses the term in relation to His idolatrous & adulterous people (cf. Jer. 3:1-9; Is. 50:1), priests are commanded not to marry a woman who is divorced (Lev. 21:7, 14; 22:13; Ez. 44:22; Mal. 2:16), express commands are given not to divorce (Deut. 22:19, 29), or concerning a divorced woman's vows (Num. 30:9).

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 10:1-12, Gen. 1:27-28, 2:21-24.** In v. 5 Jesus again uses the word "commandment" to speak of what Moses wrote. To what is Jesus referring, and is His referent the same as the Pharisees?

(b) Does the term "hardness of heart" refer to man's attitude toward God or man's attitude toward his wife? Explain.

(c) What does the "but" that begins v. 6 tell you about what precedes and what follows?

(d) How does Jesus use God's words recorded by Moses in Genesis to explain God's words recorded by Moses in Deuteronomy? How does Jesus, ultimately, answer the Pharisees' question?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 10:1-12 & Matt. 19:1-12.** What significant differences do you see between Matthew's account and Mark's?

(b) For what reason does Matthew's account include what is known as the exception clause, "except for sexual immorality?" How do we reconcile these two accounts (Consider Matthew's audience, Matthew 2:18-25, all you have learned about God's attitude towards divorce, etc.)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 10:1-12 & 1 Corinthians 7:8-16, 25-40.** Write down everything you learn about Paul's teaching on divorce and remarriage and compare it to everything you have learned from the OT & NT passages you have studied this week.

(b) In one paragraph, summarize the Scripture's view of marriage, divorce, and remarriage.

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No Man Shall Separate