

Divorce - Mark 10:1-12

Topics: Adultery, Creation, Law, Marriage, New Covenant, Separation, Teaching

Open It

- * 1. What do you think makes a marriage strong and lasting?
- 2. How do the people you work with view people with struggling or failed marriages?

Explore It

- 3. Where did this episode take place? (10:1)
- 4. What does this passage say about Christ's attitude toward His ministry? (10:1)
- * 5. Why did the Pharisees go to see Jesus? (10:2)
- 6. How did the Pharisees try to trick Jesus? (10:2)
- 7. How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees' question? (10:3)
- 8. Why do you think Jesus brought Moses into this discussion? (10:3)
- 9. What did Moses allow in the area of divorce? (10:4)
- * 10. How did Jesus explain Moses' instructions? (10:5)
- 11. What do we learn about the Pharisees from Jesus' explanation of Moses' words? (10:5)
- 12. How did Jesus explain the relationship between the Law and the will of God? (10:5-9)
- 13. How did Jesus lend authority to His words? (10:6-9)
- * 14. What was God's original plan for marriage before sin entered the picture? (10:6-9)
- 15. What is the meaning of "they are no longer two, but one"? (10:8)
- 16. What overriding principle did Jesus want us to follow? (10:9)
- 17. Why did this topic come up a second time that day? (10:10)
- 18. What specific instructions did Jesus give regarding divorce? (10:11-12)
- 19. How did Jesus protect women with His instructions? (10:11-12)

Get It

- 20. How do you think the Pharisees expected to trick Jesus?
- 21. What do we learn about human nature from Jesus' answer to the Pharisees' question?
- 22. Why do you think Jesus referred back to the "beginning of creation" in this debate?
- 23. How could a person separate "what God has joined together"?
- 24. Why do you think the disciples asked Jesus about their question privately?
- 25. How should we view people with struggling or failed marriages?
- * 26. How can the church help people with struggling or failed marriages?
- 27. How can the church help its members strengthen and even save their marriages?
- 28. Why do you think so many marriages fail?
- * 29. What can you do to strengthen your own marriage or encourage a couple who is experiencing difficulty in this area?
- 30. What attitude should we have toward marriage?
- 31. How should a Christian's understanding of marriage differ from that of the popular image?
- 32. How can a strong Christian marriage be an effective witness to unbelievers?

Apply It

- 33. What is one specific step you can take this week to show respect for the sanctity of marriage?
- * 34. For what couple can you pray every day this week?