

Sermon Questions

The Strange Marital Math of Our Lord

Mark 10:1-9

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CONNECT:

- Do you know someone who has been married 50 years or more? What do you observe about their relationship?

GROW:

- Read Mark 10:1-9. How would you summarize Jesus' teaching on marriage from this passage?
- The Pharisees test Jesus by referencing Deuteronomy 24:1-4. When you read this passage, what stands out to you? How does the Author of Scripture, God Himself, interpret this passage (according to Mark 10:4-5)?
- As we read on in Mark 10, when two people are married, what can we say about them with confidence (Mark 10:9)?
- From Mark 10:6-9, list everything you see that Jesus teaches about marriage. What are some of the consequences of ignoring God's plan? What benefits come from "oneness"?
- Read Ephesians 5:31-32. In these verses, marriage points to something far greater – what does it point to? What is a marriage to proclaim to the world? From a very practical perspective, what does this look like – that is, how does this work?

GO:

- What is a step you can take to encourage your own marriage (if married) or the marriages of those around you? How does knowing that the ultimate goal is Ephesians 5:32 bring comfort to you whether you are married or not?

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1. Marriage is God's institution where a husband and wife covenant before God: to guard one's marriage; to invest in one's marriage and to make Christ the apex of one's marriage (Mark 10:1-9)
2. Marriage is intended by God to be life-long (Malachi 2:14-16). While there are biblical grounds permissively allowing divorce (without sin), God's desire is marital investment and commitment (Matthew 10:10-11; 1 Corinthians 7; Genesis 2:24-25).

Next week's text: Mark 10:10-11