

JESUS – Hope, Help, and Healing

‘Family Matters’

Mark 10:1-31

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week’s sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

There are many passages on divorce and the guidelines behind ensuing relations. Because marriage is intended as a lifelong divine institution, as Jesus addresses the challenge from the Pharisees he chooses to lift up the importance and intention of marriage as opposed to addressing (or undoing) the permissiveness of divorce. While the teachings throughout Scripture continue to uphold the guidelines around the intention of marriage, God’s Law also allowed room for very difficult situations when what is intended does not pan out. Accordingly, discuss where this can inform your own biblical understanding on divorce.

Applying

In the culture in which Mark takes place it was often women (especially unmarried women) and children that were overlooked and devalued. What situations in our culture to people find themselves overlooked and devalued? Are there any ways we contribute to their difficulties? How does God see these people?

Are there any aspects of life that you can identify that stand in the way of unreserved discipleship? Are there any ways the Lord might be calling you to surrender those aspects to his lordship?

If anyone needs to speak more in depth on the issue of divorce/remarriage, please gracefully pray for them, be open to listen, and encourage them to continue to seek support from the Church

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for?
How can we pray for our church?



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