

# Lesson Notes: Mark 10

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## Introductory Questions

- What was your 10-word summary sentence for this chapter?
- Jesus takes His listeners back to the original intent for marriage before addressing divorce. What do you think God's original intention for marriage was? Why is divorce so antithetical to it?
- According to the Bible, what is true wealth? Are you wealthy? (rich young man story)
- Peter passionately cries out, "We have left everything to follow You!" What have you left to follow Jesus? Did He tell you anything He wants you to leave this week as you studied?
- According to experts, Mark 10:43-45 is a key verse for this entire book. Why do you agree or disagree? What are your thoughts?
- If Jesus asked you, "What would you like for Me to do for you?" (verse 51), what would you say?

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## The test: a question about divorce

Jesus' comments and quotes

- Divorce was allowed because of hardness of heart ("dryness"), so beware of that in yourself
- God made them male and female; she has rights too
- Leave, cleave, and weave: one flesh, one from two
- What God has joined together, let not man separate: God's intention was togetherness, unity, a reflection of Himself, holiness
- Adultery: we are not intended for multiple partners! We were designed for deep, faithful love.
- After hearing "Marry Me" (the song), do you see even more that Jesus is a romantic ... He died for you! He loves you with a sacrificial, enormous, wrap-His-arms-around-you kind of love!, even if wrapping His arms around you meant they had to be nailed to a cross first!

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## His touch: bring the little children to Me

- Allow them near
- the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these: trusting, believing, faithful, open, big-wide love
- Unless you receive the Kingdom like a child, you will not enter it

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## Real treasure: what is wealth?

- Classic question from an outwardly humble man who seems dissatisfied
- To the heart: lovingly identifying idols
- Be heavenly-minded regarding material things. On earth, “Come follow Me.”
- Jesus is the true Rich Young Ruler
- RYR : wealth :: Jesus : Father. Fill in the blank for yourself!

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**Application Questions: go deeper with the introductory questions and/or discuss your thoughts on these questions below:**

- Mark 10:43-45 “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Jesus showed He was a Servant in the first half of the book by His healing, and in the second half of the book, by His sacrifice. What are you learning, how are you changing, as you watch Jesus?
- How does God show up in your marriage, especially when it would be easier to do what you want and go your own way? How do you see God’s true intention for marriage working out in your marriage? **Single sisters**, what are you learning through this about marriage and divorce? I know you see a lot in our friends and have your own histories. Speak into this!!
- Will you give up your idols so that you can follow Jesus, the true rich young Ruler? What idols might our extraordinary American wealth enable or cover? Evaluate your life and ask the Spirit to point out one thing He wants you to be aware of, to let Him change.
- Wealth is a neutral. What power are you allowing it to have in your life? How does it mask/play God or give you the impression that you are not stained and in desperate need of a Savior?
- What do you want Jesus to do for you? Bartimaeus was so desperate that his cries rang out persistently. For what are you desperately crying out to Jesus? Of what has your faith healed you? How would you answer Jesus’ question? “Lord, I want to \_\_\_\_\_.”
- You : \_\_\_\_\_ :: RichYoungRuler : wealth :: Jesus : Father. Fill in your blank!
- Read the bottom of page 131 starting with “So Jesus is saying....” That is one SERIOUS paragraph. Take it personally. Talk about it with your group.