

The Book of Mark

God's View of Marriage

The Passage:

Mark 10:1-12

The Questions:

What are the two places described in this passage, and who are the different audiences in those places?

What did Pastor Will say was the cultural background for the Pharisee's question to Jesus here?

What was the Pharisees' motivation for asking Jesus this question? And what effect might Jesus' answer have had on those listening?

To what source does Jesus turn to describe God's intent for marriage, and why is this significant?

What things do we culturally believe about marriage that differ from what God says about marriage in Scripture?

What factors, in our lives and culture, make lifelong marriage seem unrealistic to us?

How do Matthew 5:31-32 and 1 Corinthians 7:12-16 add to our understanding of God's will concerning divorce and remarriage?

What are some ways we could point people who've been through divorce to the healing grace of Jesus in the gospel?

What things could we do in our church to help build a culture that supports a God honoring practice of marriage?