

The Permanence of Marriage
Mark 10:1-12
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1. A misguided question (1-2)

2. A hard-hearted application of Scripture (3-5)

3. The divine command (6-9)

4. The right application of Scripture (10-12)

Next week: Mark 10:13-16

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. Did your parents divorce? If so, what was that like for you? If not, was there ever a time when you were afraid your parents would divorce? If so, what was that like for you?
3. Where did marriage come from?
4. Marriage involves commitment. What kind of commitment is this?
5. What does Genesis 2 command husbands (and wives by implication) to do?
6. What did God design marriage to picture?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. How was the Pharisees' focus in this passage wrong?
3. What does it mean to "hold fast" to one's spouse (verse 7)?
4. If you are married, what do you need to do to strengthen your marriage?
5. Sinclair Ferguson wrote, "Jesus knew that the stability of family and society life depended on the marriage institution being honored. If this basic creation design were overthrown, moral, spiritual, psychological and social chaos would result."¹ Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
6. How should you respond to a Christian who is struggling in their marriage and tells you, "I will just get divorced and remarried, and then I will ask God to forgive me"?
7. How does perseverance in a very difficult marriage glorify Christ?
8. How can we help each other apply this passage to our lives?

¹ Ferguson, *Let's Study Mark*, 159.