

Marriage According to Jesus

Mark 10:1-12

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I. The compassion of Jesus. **Mark 10:1**

Hordes of people gathered to Him as Jesus made His way towards the Jordan valley heading to His death on the cross. Jesus cared enough to heal and _____ the crowd. **Matthew 14:14**

- Jesus came to seek and save the lost, so teaching was not the _____ to Jesus' ministry; it was one of the main parts of His earthly ministry.

"Such is the fulness of the Christian doctrine, there is still more to be learned. We need to be _____ of what we know." (Matthew Henry)

II. The Pharisees try to trap Jesus. **Mark 10:2-4**

As Jesus was teaching these things, He was simply giving God's design for marriage; however, a person trying to live up to kingdom standards in the power of the flesh is _____.

- **Matthew 19:3 "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just _____ reason?" NKJV**

If Jesus said a man can divorce for any reason, He would go against God's Word; if He was truthful, it would be _____.

III. Why did Moses allow divorce? **Mark 10:5-9**

Jesus got the Pharisees to admit that Moses did not command a divorce to happen; but rather, Moses permitted a divorce because of the _____ of the people's hearts.

- The Pharisees were trying to redefine marriage, looking for a _____ out of it, while trying to trap Jesus with His answer.

"Adam and Eve had _____, which is true intimacy -- emotionally, physically, and spiritually." (Chip Ingram)

IV. Remarriage. **Mark 10:10-12**

Considering all of Scripture, we can say divorce is permitted, but not required. Some _____ of the marriage covenant are adultery, serious neglect, abandonment and abuse.

- **1 Corinthians** says that spouses are not to deny each other's physical needs (**7:2-5**); they are not to abandon or _____ each other (**7:10-16**); and they are to provide for each other (**7:32-35**).

The person who truly loves does so because of a _____ to love, because they have made a commitment to love whether or not the loving feeling is present.

V. Practical Application.

Focus on the Family's six stages of divorce recovery:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. Bargaining.
4. _____.
5. Acceptance.
6. _____.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. *What does Jesus taking time to minister to the crowd, especially at this time of His ministry, teach us?*
Mark 6:34, Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:12-13, Gal. 6:2, Romans 12:20, Psalm 78:38.
2. Read **Mark 10:2-4**. The Pharisees came to Jesus to test Him about divorce. *What question did they ask Him and how was their question a "test"?* Instead of answering their test question with a "yes" or "no", *what was Jesus' answer? When we're asked questions about difficult spiritual situations, how should our answer be like Jesus' answer to the Pharisees?*
3. *Why did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce? Was Moses' command God's original intent for marriage?*
Deuteronomy 24:1-4, Genesis 1:31, Genesis 2:18, Genesis 2:24
4. *When is divorce Biblically permissible?*
Matthew 5:32, 1 Corinthians 7:10-11, Exodus 34:12-16, Exodus 21:10-11
5. Discuss the Practical Applications to the sermon, including the steps to Divorce Recovery: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance, and Forgiveness.