



# ask JESUS

## ASK JESUS: *IS IT LAWFUL TO DIVORCE?*

### Discussion Questions

**Date:** July 21, 2019 | **Scripture:** Mark 10:1-9

1. Read Mark 10:1-9. What stands out to you?
2. When we come to Jesus with our questions, it is important to keep his identity and his work in mind. How does remembering who Jesus is and what he's done help us process some of the more difficult questions in life?
3. The people who asked Jesus about divorce were not sincerely looking for an answer but were instead trying to trap him. In what ways do we come to Jesus not actually looking for his wisdom and truth but rather to advance our own agenda? How can we become more sensitive to discerning our motives in these situations?
4. If God's wisdom and ways are above our own (see Is. 55:8), we should not be surprised that there are points where God disagrees with us. What have you done to cultivate an attitude of humility when you encounter those points of tension, and what has God taught you in the process?
5. Divorce is a reality in our world because of sin. In what ways does divorce show us the brokenness of the world? What sort of longings does divorce (or any kind of difficult relationship) provoke in us for a better world? What does marriage ultimately point to, and how should that deeper truth transform our relationships?
6. Jesus speaks highly of marriage and calls those who are married to hold fast to one another and that they are one flesh. Is there someone in your life who has a marriage you look up to? What is it about their life together that is attractive? If you are married, how have you and your spouse worked to strengthen your bond and hold fast to one another?
7. Regardless of the situation you find yourself in—single, married, divorced, remarried, widowed—God has given us gifts and grace in order to glorify and enjoy him and love others well. What gifts are available to us, and how can we use them to build up one another? How can we rest in God's grace this week?



Marriage points to something deeper—the desire to be fully known, fully loved, and never forsaken. We get all these things in the gospel and with our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ.