

Follow the King

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Sermon Questions

Date: *January 22, 2023* | Scripture: *Mark 10:1-12*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. How has divorce affected your life or the lives of those you love? If this is a sensitive topic for you, how are you processing this passage and the sermon?
3. The Pharisees come to Jesus with an agenda beneath their question. What is their hidden agenda? What do they hope they'll accomplish by bringing this matter up?
4. Jesus cannot be in our lives to serve our own agendas, simply confirming what we already believe to be true. Instead, he confronts us as our Creator and friend. What is your agenda when you come to Jesus with hard topics? Think of a time you felt called out by Jesus' words. How can we respond to Jesus?
5. John describes Jesus as "full of grace and truth." When it comes to matters of gender, sexuality, and marriage, which do you struggle to show more—grace or truth? What makes showing either grace or truth hard for you?
6. How is Jesus a model of faithful marriage?

Inward Grace in Action

Divorce is a difficult and often deeply personal topic for many people. Rather than shying away from the topic or shaming those who haven't lived up to biblical standards, Jesus gently forgives, loves, restores, and guides us.

- How might we echo the guidance of Jesus on marriage and divorce?
- How might we model the compassion of Jesus for those who have faced divorce or are struggling in their marriage?

ACTION: Spend some time in prayer for those you know have gone through divorce, that they might feel the comfort and love of Christ.

(Note: Our church occasionally offers a 13-week Divorce Care course for those experiencing separation and divorce. If you or someone you know might benefit from this course, please reach out to care@mcleanpres.org for details.)

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 2:18-25
- Song of Solomon 2:8-17
- Isaiah 54:4-10
- Matthew 19:1-12
- Ephesians 5:15-33
- Revelation 19:6-10

Serve: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

Pray for our many mission partners who work to protect and preserve the dignity of human life from the womb to the tomb. Pray specifically for Assist and Capitol Hill Pregnancy Centers as they seek to care for vulnerable mothers and babies.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org