

## DIVORCE AND THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

### MARK 10:1-12

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1. God hates \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Marriage is a permanent union of \_\_\_\_\_ unity.
  - b. There is strength in the marriage \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ work.
2. Marriage is a covenant relationship for life that has been \_\_\_\_\_ by our sin.
3. Spiritual intimacy leads to a \_\_\_\_\_ centered marriage.
  - a. A strand of three is not easily broken.
  - b. Pray conversationally daily with your spouse.
  - c. Keep short accounts.
  - d. Words matter. Is our speech helpful? Affirming? Timely? Gracious?
  - e. When in conflict, attack the problem and not the person.

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<sup>1</sup> And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them. <sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup> He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." <sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." <sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: [gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup](http://gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup) or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!*

- 1) How has divorce affected you? How have you responded to it? What have you learned from it?
- 2) God hates divorce for three reasons. Marriage is a permanent union of unbreakable unity, the strength of the union is incredibly strong, and it is definitely God 's work. How have you seen God strengthen your marriage?
- 3) Read Genesis 3:16-17. Have you experienced the effects of this curse in Adam and Eve in your marriage?
- 4) Which of the application points for a godly marriage do you need to work on the most?
- 5) Prayer in marriage is typically giving our requests for what we desire for God to do in our lives. Nothing wrong with that. Conversational prayer is different. It typically involves a back and forth prayer in stages. First, it involves a time of saying you are sorry for any ways in which you have sinned against one another. Then it's a time to give thanks specifically for what God has done. Now it then moves to a deeper level to make observations of what you see happening in your life. Tell God what is going well in your life and what is not going well. After all these steps then ask God your requests. After all these steps you will have a good foundation for some meaningful conversations with your spouse.