

"Because Your Hearts Were Hard"

Mark 10:1-16

Into the Lesson:

Take some time to survey our fellowship and tabulate the number of combined years of "marital experience". Remember those whose spouse has gone on to their reward.

In the space provided below, add up the years and ask, "what one word is most essential to a successful marriage"?

Into the Word:

How does Luke 9:51 (only slightly out of sequence) provide a sense of the urgency of this teaching in Mark 10:1-16?

What does the fact that the Pharisees meant this question as a test, but Jesus used it as a teaching moment say of His control and awareness of every situation?

Respond to this declaration from Sam's sermon, "Chapter 10 is primarily about the counter cultural values of the kingdom of God."

From Sam's sermon, commentaries and Bible margin notes, what do we know of Moses' concession in the matter of divorce (Deut. 24:1-4)?

How do the two "schools of thought" pointed out by Sam weigh into this discussion?

Compare this with God's ideal in Genesis 2:24.

How did this fit with the cultural mindset of the first century?

What does Ephesians 5:22-6:4 say about the supremacy of marriage and the importance of proper childrearing?

After rereading Mk. 10: 13-16, which part of verses 13-14 seems most surprising?

Disciples rebuke-
Jesus' indignation-

Although it doesn't come until later, how do Acts 17:29 and Romans 8:16-17 provide further reproof to the Disciples?

Into Life:

Considering Jesus is, "resolutely setting out for Jerusalem" (Lk. 9:51), how does this teaching fit with the 21st century mindset?

If John 10:10 is true, *it is*, how would "the thief" use children and the institution of marriage to "steal, kill and destroy"?

How can the combined years of marriage provide a "training ground" for the newly weds or the soon to be married (even if it's "don't make the same mistakes I did")?

Does that mean the "years of marriage" experience is any less important than the "decades or half century" experience?

How can we replicate a Titus 2:1-8 mindset within our group?

How do settings like "Family Dinners" or "Annual Pig Roasts" provide a springboard for this to happen?

How important is fervent prayer for:

Marriages-

Children workers-

A growing Children's Ministry-

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

- 1 Timothy 4:15-16