



Mark: A Journey with Jesus | | Divorce and the Hardness of our Hearts

Mark 10:1-12

Divorce has always been a sensitive subject for most people; and yet we live in a culture today that seemingly treats divorce as an easy option to end an unhealthy marriage.

- *What were you taught about marriage in your family when you were growing up?*
 - *Have you personally been affected by divorce in your life?*

Read Mark 10:1-12 together as a group.

- *Why were the Pharisees trying to trap Jesus with their question about divorce?*
- *How do you think they handled the answer that Jesus gave them?*
- *Is there anything about Jesus' answer that is confusing to you?*

In our text Jesus refers to men having a hardened heart. **Every problem in society and in our own lives conceivably begins with this hardness of heart.**

- *How would you specifically define a hardened heart?*
- *Why would a hardened heart be the root cause of people getting divorced?*
- *In our marriages, how do we practically keep an eye out for our own hardness of heart?*

For a marriage to work, you must allow the Lord to soften your heart instead of letting it grow inflexible towards God. Divorce is a mess, **yet God takes things that aren't the way they're supposed to be and forces his mercy and grace inside.**

- *When has there been a time in your life that God has taken your messy and made something beautiful?*
- *Why is sadness and sorrow an important emotion to hold about divorce?*
- *Where does God want to push his grace into your heart today?*