

## **Growth Group Questions**

Series: *The Gospel of Mark*

Sermon: Mark 10:1-12 - *Divorce*

### **Warm -up:**

How did you feel when you saw the sermon was going to be on divorce?

How has divorce affected your life?

### **Explore:**

In verses 2-5 the Pharisees tell Jesus that Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and then send his wife away. And they had been using this law very liberally and actually divorcing their wives for almost any cause, even things as trivial as burning a meal. And they seem to think their “easy divorce” culture is a good thing.

Why would they think this was good?

What does their attitude reveal about their view of marriage?

How does Jesus respond to them and what does his response reveal about his view of marriage? Vs 4-7

Why is it that, although there are clear concessions for divorce in other parts of scripture (ie. Matthew 9:19 & 5:32 and in 1 Cor 7:15), Jesus gives no concession here?

### **Think it through:**

As a church, how can we hold the tension between having a high view of marriage and also not making divorcees feel discouraged and judged?

How is it that God’s allowance’s for divorce in certain cases can be considered a grace?

What can we learn from Jesus’s interactions with the woman at the well?

Do you think younger Christians today understand the biblical teaching about marriage? – Why or why not?