

Sermon Questions

October 31, 2021

Mark 10:1-12

In addition to the generic questions that can be used for any Sunday morning, here are a few specific questions that may resonate with the sermon.

1. If you feel comfortable sharing with the group, how has divorce impacted your life?
2. What was the overall context of the scene Mark describes? How important do you think this context is to the conversation about divorce and remarriage? How do you think this conversation has shifted from 2,000 years ago to today?
3. How can we, as a community, do better to care for those who are thinking about, or have experienced divorce? Do you have positive examples of how folks in these circumstances have been cared for well?
4. While God's good intention is the flourishing of husband and wife in a life-long committed relationship, sin and hardheartedness can get in the way of that ideal. What is the good news for those who have had to live through the challenging realities of divorce?
5. Andrew used this quote from Dr. Sue Johnson:

“when we love our partner well, we offer a blueprint for a loving relationship to our children, and their partners, better relationships between love partners are not just a personal preference. They are a social good. Better love relationships mean better families. And better, more loving families mean better, more responsive communities. Love drives us to bond emotionally with a precious few others who offer us safe haven from the storms of life. Love is our bulwark, designed to provide emotional protection so we can cope with the ups and downs of existence. We have this drive within us to emotionally attach, to find someone to whom we can turn to and say, ‘hold me tight’. That’s wired into our genes and our bodies. We need emotional attachments, with a few irreplaceable others to be physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy.”

What comes to mind as you read it again? Where have you found meaningful, positive and loving emotional connections? How have you experienced love as a safe haven from the storms of life?