

# MARK

## THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW

*Mark 10:1-12 p. 845*

### **You can focus on God's permission for divorce.**

We tend to make God's permissions more permissive, when we focus on them instead of God's purposes.

### **You can focus on God's purpose for marriage**

The Persons God intended for marriage

The Priority God intended for marriage

The Partnership God intended for marriage

The Permanence God intended for marriage

After adultery, a divorce is legitimate for the faithful party and allows that person to remarry without being guilty of adultery.

## Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

*Read 10:1-12*

What stood out from the sermon on Sunday?

What major themes do you remember from the sermon?

### **Cultural Perspective**

In this passage, we see the continued pattern of the Pharisees in their attitude toward Jesus and their ongoing focus on the outward versus the inward.

1. Where have we seen this before?
2. How do we see it here?
3. How does Jesus get beneath the controversy of divorce to the source of the issue?
4. Why do addressing the heart offend the proud?

We have a tendency to justify, sometimes misusing scripture, our beliefs, actions and behaviors like the Pharisees.

5. In what ways do we wrongly condemn or condone others' actions?
6. In what ways do we wrongly justify our own hearts?
7. How does Jesus correct this?
8. How is the Gospel sufficient for our hearts?