

A More Perfect Union
Mark 10:1-12

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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- What do you like most about weddings? What do you like least about them?
- Read *Mark 10:1-12*. What political situations and previous teachings of Jesus lay in the background behind this confrontation with the Pharisees (e.g., Mk. 6:17-19; 7:5, 20-23; 8:34; 9:35)?
- What motivates the Pharisees' question to Jesus? What can you conclude about their viewpoint and about the state of their hearts?
- What stands out to you about Jesus' response, both what he says and what he does not say?
- From Jesus' teaching, what can we learn about God's design for marriage?
- How does Jesus' approach to marriage differ from that of the Pharisees? How does it differ from people today?
- What questions about marriage and divorce would you want to ask Jesus? How might Jesus respond? To what passages of Scripture might Jesus point you?
- How can Jesus' followers today better engage single, married, and divorced people with both grace and truth?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *Do you want to get married some day? Why or why not?* Read *Mark 10:1-12*. Ask: *What do the Pharisees ask Jesus and why? What does Jesus say about why God permits divorce? When Jesus quotes from Genesis, what does he teach us about God's design for marriages? What might Jesus say to someone today who wanted to get married?*

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.