



Bible Reading Group

The gospel of Mark

Chapter 10

Divorce (10:1-12)

- 1 Where had Jesus been?
- 2 Find where he was going to on a map.
- 3 Why did the Pharisees want to test Jesus?
- 4 Why did Jesus refer to Moses' command?
- 5 Where in the Old Testament do we read of the certificate of divorce?
- 6 What does Jesus say was God's intention for marriage?
- 7 Why did the disciples wait until later to ask Jesus more about divorce?
- 8 Does what Jesus said about divorce and remarriage apply to us now?

The little children and Jesus (10:13-16)

- 9 What was the purpose of bringing children to be touched by Jesus?
- 10 Why did the disciples rebuke them?
- 11 How does the kingdom of God belong to people who are like little children?
- 12 Are we like little children in the way we believe?

The rich young man (10:17-31)

- 13 Jesus did not sin, and yet he did not count himself as "good". Why not?
- 14 Where are the commandments that Jesus listed?
- 15 What do you think Jesus loved about this man?
- 16 How did Jesus know that this man lacked one thing?

- 17 Should we go and sell everything and follow Jesus?
- 18 Why do you think the rich man found the command to sell everything so difficult?
- 19 Why were the disciples amazed when Jesus said it is hard for the rich to enter the kingdom of God?
- 20 Why did the disciples say, "Who then can be saved"?
- 21 Do you find encouragement when Jesus says "all things are possible with God"?
- 22 Have you had to leave your home, siblings, parents, children or fields for Jesus?
- 23 In what way can we receive so many things now because we follow Jesus?
- 24 Are we persecuted at all for our beliefs?
- 25 What does Jesus mean when he says "many who are first will be last, and the last first"?

Jesus again predicts his death (10:32-34)

- 26 On their way up to Jerusalem, the disciples were astonished. Why?
- 27 Who were those who followed?
- 28 What were those who followed afraid of?
- 29 Why did Jesus need to teach the twelve disciples what was to happen to him again?
- 30 This time when Jesus explained exactly what was to happen to him, there is no comment as to whether the disciples understood. Do you think they were starting to understand?

The request of James and John (10:35-45)

- 31 Why do you think James and John thought they should have a special place in Jesus' kingdom?
- 32 In what way didn't they know what they were asking?
- 33 What was the "cup" Jesus drank?

- 34 What was the baptism that Jesus was baptised with?
- 35 Did James and John know what Jesus meant when they said they could drink his cup and be baptised with his baptism?
- 36 Jesus said that the seating places in the kingdom belong to those for whom they have been prepared. When were these places prepared?
- 37 Do you think you would have been indignant about the request of James and John if you had been Jesus' other disciples?
- 38 How can we become servants?
- 39 Think of examples of Jesus being a servant.
- 40 Can you think of an Old Testament prophecy about God's servant?

Blind Bartimaeus receives his sight (10:46–52)

- 41 Find Jericho on the map.
- 42 Bartimaeus called Jesus the "son of David". What did he mean?
- 43 How did Bartimaeus know that Jesus was the son of David?
- 44 Why do you think many people told Bartimaeus to be quiet?
- 45 Did Jesus have mercy?
- 46 Bartimaeus threw his cloak aside. Was this an act of faith? (If he remained blind, how would he be able to find it?)
- 47 Did Jesus know what was wrong with this man?
- 48 What healed Bartimaeus?