

In His Likeness– Mark Scene 25

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Mark 10:1-12

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

The Bible exists to reveal God to us

No truth in the Bible will be inconsistent with the character of Jesus.

*What are some reasons interpreting scripture can be difficult?

*How can we practically connect passages of the Bible to the heart of the real God behind it?

Read and discuss Mark 10:1-12 (NIV)

¹Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.

²Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

³“What did Moses command you?” he replied.

⁴They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

⁵“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. ⁶“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,’ ⁸and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹²And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

*What does this passage show us about God? About people?

*Is our interpretation consistent with the character of Jesus?

*What is this passage saying to you? Is there something here to share with someone else?

God moves hard hearted humans forward, but we don’t totally arrive yet

Sometimes he interacts with us in ways that are tailored to what we can handle.

*Where have you experienced this in your journey of faith?

*How is this good news for us?

Self-righteousness thrives on the boundaries of sin

Jesus is constantly pointing at the ideal, the picture God had for us from the beginning.

*What happens when we focus on the boundaries instead of the ideal?

*How can Jesus example of handling boundary questions lead us in our conversations with others?

We look at God’s ideal for human flourishing and see that we constantly fall short

When we are forgiven, we are forgiven for all time; God’s grace is permanent in a way or sin is not.

*How does His ideal and His permanent grace apply to all sorts of issues beyond divorce?

*How has the beauty of God’s ideal led you forward?