

*Important Questions
Answered*

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Mark

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1. Read Mark 10 before starting this study guide. Pray asking the Lord to bless your time in his word.
2. This chapter begins with Jesus final journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. As was always the case, large crowds came to him, and he taught them. While Jesus was teaching the Pharisees arrived. What was their purpose in coming to Jesus that day?
3. Mark 10:2 Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking. What was the question they asked Jesus that day?

Did this question feel a bit “out of the blue”? What was the underlying motive every time the Pharisees were with Jesus? (read Mark 3:6 again)

4. How did Jesus answer their question?

How far back did Jesus go to establish his answer?

What does this tell us about God, the creator of all things, intent for marriage?

5. According to Mark 10:7-9, what happens when a man and a woman are united in marriage?

If we had a greater understanding of this union of man and woman in marriage, we might enter with a bit more gravity and a greater empathy for those who have gone through the painful experience of divorce.

6. Do you know anyone who is experiencing this pain right now? How might you be a true friend to them?

7. Mark 10:10 tells us they were back in the house again. Jesus speaks to his disciples privately about this matter. He wants them to have a full understanding of the gravity of divorce. There is tremendous pain involved in ripping apart this covenant relationship.

If you have experienced this pain, I am so sorry. Our God will meet you at your place of pain and heal your heart. If you are contemplating divorce why not ask God to build where it looks like only rubble, to water what looks barren and dry and to bring to life what looks dead. Then stand back and wait to see how God answers this prayer.

8. Obedience to God brings blessings, that is a principle. Do you know what a principle is? In a general sense it is the cause, source, or origin of things. Because we believe the Father loves us, we can present our requests to him assured of the power of His Holy Spirit. We do this knowing God can do anything, anytime, anywhere, with anyone. We can be confident that nothing is impossible with God.

Luke 11:28 NIV “_____ rather are those who _____ the _____
and _____ it.”

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9. Let’s take a few minutes and dig a bit deeper. Malachi 3:10 talks about the principle of obedience with the tithe. What do you believe God is speaking about when he says, “the whole tithe”?

What is God inviting us to do?

Could it be that God may have been referring to more than merely our financial resources?
What do you have that you could tithe or use for kingdom purposes?

Your time? Your talents? Your finances?

If a person became faithful in all these areas, do you believe that God would be faithful to his word?
I am not talking about giving to get, but rather obeying to see the blessings of God.

Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Underline the promise and challenge God has spoken in this verse.

10. As we said, obedience brings God's blessing. Is there an area God speaking to you about?
What is it called when we know what is right and we choose our own way?

James 4:17 ESV So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

11. Mark 10:13 feels like a change of direction and a shift in focus but it really is not. In Jesus day women and children were considered of less value than men. They were considered property. We have seen the people bring their sick friends to Jesus but who were they bringing now in verses 13-16?

12. What do children have and display that Jesus commended that day? What example did they serve?

13. In verses 17-31, we read about a man Jesus met as he set out once again for Jerusalem. Let's look at the text to see what facts we can glean?

What did he do?

What did he call Jesus?

What question did he have for Jesus?

What other fact did you learn about him?

14. Jesus is the master at getting to the heart of the matter. The man had called Jesus "Good Teacher." Jesus points to the fact that all men operate under their own motives, only God himself is good. If God alone is good, what does that make Jesus?

15. Write out the man's question in verse 17?

What two words in his question reveal his misunderstanding of God's great gift of redemption, forgiveness, and salvation?

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

16. Highlight the commandments Jesus' mentioned.
Exodus 20:3-17
- i. You shall have no other gods before Me.
 - ii. You shall make no idols.
 - iii. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
 - iv. Keep the Sabbath day holy.
 - v. Honor your father and your mother.
 - vi. You shall not murder.
 - vii. You shall not commit adultery.
 - viii. You shall not steal.
 - ix. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 - x. You shall not covet.

Sometimes what is not said in a conversation is as important as what is said. Jesus acknowledged the man's knowledge of the commandments. What was the man's response to Jesus listing the commandments?

17. Jesus tells the man there is one thing you lack. What was the one thing?
18. The man has gotten the answer to his question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" You would think the man would go away rejoicing. He was given a very clear course of action. What did the scripture tell us was the man's response as he left Jesus that day?
19. Why do you believe this man responded as he did to Jesus' answer?
20. Before we are too hard on this young man, let's consider our response if we were told to do the same thing. Was Jesus saying he only wanted someone who had no monetary wealth or worldly possessions to follow him? Or is Jesus trying to help us see something far more important?

Read Matthew 6:21,24 and Luke 12:34 before writing your answer. Why is trusting God more difficult for those who have riches?

21. The disciples were a bit confused by Jesus' conversation with this young man. Peter speaks up and states the obvious, "We have left everything to follow you!" Jesus makes a very bold promise to his followers. What was his promise?
Do you believe it is true that you cannot out-give God?
22. In verses 32-34 we see the third time Jesus predicts his death. The first was Mark 8:31, the second was Mark 9:30-32 and now we read it a third time in Mark 10:32-34. Jesus took his 12 disciples away from the crowd and shared with them the events that were soon to take place.
- a. Jesus and his followers were going to _____
 - b. Son of Man will be _____
 - c. They will find him worthy of death sentence. (Roman law forbid the Jews to execute someone)
 - d. He will be handed over to the _____
 - e. They will _____
 - f. Three days later _____

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23. After hearing this news what would you expect his disciples to be talking about? According to Mark 10:35-37, what are James and John discussing?
24. Have you ever been so distracted by your own thoughts and desires that you missed something important? I would imagine we all have experienced something like this before. Jesus does not expect us to always respond correctly but to grow and mature in our walk of faith. What do you do to help you focus on the important things going on around you?
What do you do that helps you hear from God?
25. In verse 38 Jesus tells them you have no idea what you are asking. What do you believe Jesus means by the question he asked James and John that day?
26. Jesus uses the term “drink the cup” when speaking to James and John that day. He would use this term again speaking to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. Read Matthew 26:39, 42, what does Jesus ask of the Father?

This cup was the cup of reproach, sorrow, suffering, and death.
27. What was Jesus’ answer to their question as to sitting on his right and left in heaven?
Who makes this decision? Read Matthew 20:23.
28. Look up Mark 10:41 in several translations, what was the response of the remaining ten when they heard what James and John had asked of Jesus.
Why do you believe they felt this way?
29. Jesus uses this as a teaching moment. Who does he point their attention to in verses 42-45?

It is no surprise that the disciples did not always understand this upside-down kingdom that Jesus was establishing. Specifically, what did Jesus tell them was required for greatness in his kingdom?
30. As a child of God is this your daily practice?
To what extent did Jesus set the example?

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31. Mark 10 ends with a miracle. Where is Jesus?
As Jesus is leaving the city what unusual event happens?
 32. The scripture said, “Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet.” What’s up with that? Why would they attempt to keep someone from Jesus who so obviously needed a miracle? There have always been those who try to marginalize and disregard those less fortunate. It is never Jesus’ response. According to Mark 10:49, what did Jesus do?
 33. What was the man asking of Jesus to do for him?

34. Why do you believe Jesus asked the man what he wanted?
Wasn't it obvious what he might want?

By asking the man to speak his request what did it reveal about Jesus?

35. We do not know how long Bartimaeus had been blind, but we see that crying out to Jesus was the right thing to do. Read Matthew 20:29-34 and Luke 18:35-43, what other facts did you glean from these additional scriptures?
36. I do not want to pass by without discussing the fact that Matthew mentions two men and Mark and Luke only mention one. Often when people are called to testify about an event there will be slight differences in the details. It also could be that one man was the spokesman for the two. The most important thing we do not want to miss is the fact that physical blindness did not hinder spiritual sight and believing. Bartimaeus had never seen Jesus perform a miracle, he was blind. The Pharisees saw with their own eyes and heard with their own ears and yet went away unbelieving. We have seen many who are spiritually blind in the crowd listening to Jesus, but they walk away in the same miserable condition. What is the difference, why do you believe this man received this miracle?

Just because someone is present at the moving of God does not mean they will have faith to believe, repent and be saved. Are you moved with compassion like Jesus, and bold enough to ask questions?

37. The chapter ends with Jesus healing the man. Jesus told him to "Go, your faith has healed you." We have discussed this before. What part does our faith play in seeing our prayers answered?