

**RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**

**Discipleship roadtrip – Mark 10**

1. The Pharisees come to ‘test’ Jesus. Why is their question politically dangerous ground for Jesus? (Read 6:17-19) What does this suggest about their motives?
2. The Pharisees question for Jesus is ‘is it lawful?’ Jesus on the other hand focuses on God’s intention. From this passage, what is God’s intention for marriage? Jesus will say more on this complex issue elsewhere – but what is foundational to God’s good purpose for marriage?
3. How are kingdom marriages to look different to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Australia?
4. Why do you think the disciples ask him about this?
5. Read 9:35-37. In 10:13 the disciples have a great opportunity to ‘listen to the beloved son’ (9:7). How do they go?
6. Read 10:14 ‘to such belongs the Kingdom of God’. Children were the nobodies of the first century world. What examples can you think of from Mark’s gospel of nobodies (such as these children) receiving the kingdom?
7. How would you describe the person we meet in v17? Why does he look like such a good candidate for the kingdom?
8. He has kept so many of the commandments! Which one has he broken? (Ex 20:2-3; Deut 5:7)
9. Why does Jesus tell him to sell everything and give to the poor? What does this reveal about the man? What would you find hard to walk away from?
10. Read 10:23-26. What does Jesus say about wealth? Why is wealth so dangerous for us? Are you wealthy?
11. V26. How do they disciples respond to Jesus words? What hope is there for them?
12. Read v32-34. This is the third time Jesus has told his disciples what will happen to him in the coming days. Why is this so important?
13. ‘If anyone would be first he must be last of all and servant of all’. Read 10:35-37. How well have the disciples heard Jesus?
14. Read v43-44. In what ways do the words ‘not so among you’ stand a summary of the alternative lifestyle of the kingdom? How do you need to change to pursue more of Christ’s calling on your life?