

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Jesus, marriage and divorce – Mark 10:1-12

1. From v6-9 and from last week's study, how would you describe Jesus' teaching on marriage?
2. Read Deuteronomy 24:1-4. Notice that the passage the Pharisees appealed to does not necessitate marriage. Yet it does permit divorce and regulates how it is to work. Why does Jesus say this is the case? See v5
3. What examples within marriage can you think of that would reflect a hard heartedness? Are there areas in your own life you need to repent of a hard heart? Who will help you to do this?
4. In v9 and 11-12, Jesus says that there should be no divorce in Christian marriages. Do you find this challenging? Why?
5. Do you think our church family is a safe place for our divorced Christian brothers and sisters to share their story? Why?
6. If you are married – what steps could you make that would make your marriage better? Come up with a prayerful action plan to incorporate these into your life.
7. If you are unattached – how could you encourage and strengthen your brothers and sisters in their marriages?
8. What is the greatest influence in your life that shapes your understanding of a good marriage? What films, TV or music encourages you to love your spouse in wisdom and truth? Similarly, which ones are unhelpful?
9. Over the last few years – how have you invested in your marriage? How do you plan to invest in it going forward?