

Mark 10_Adult Bible Study Questions

1. Marriage & Divorce (Mark 10:1–12)

Observation

- What question do the Pharisees ask Jesus, and what is their intent?
- How does Jesus respond using both Moses and creation?

Interpretation

- Why does Jesus point back to creation (“from the beginning”) rather than staying in Deuteronomy?
- What does this passage reveal about God’s original design for marriage?

Reflection

- Where do you see cultural views of marriage clashing with Jesus’ teaching today?
- How should the church hold both **truth and compassion** in difficult marital situations?

2. Jesus Blesses the Children (Mark 10:13–16)

Observation

- How do the disciples respond to the children? How does Jesus respond?

Interpretation

- What does it mean to “receive the kingdom of God like a child”?
- What qualities of children might Jesus be highlighting (dependence, trust, humility)?

Reflection

- In what ways can adults struggle to approach God with childlike faith?
- What would it look like in your life this week to trust God more simply?

3. The Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17–31)

Observation

- What question does the man ask Jesus?
- Which commandments does Jesus list, and what is missing?

Interpretation

- Why does Jesus tell him to sell everything and follow Him?

- What does this reveal about the man’s true spiritual condition?
- What does Jesus mean by “How difficult it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God”?

Theological Insight

- Notice the phrase: “Jesus looked at him and loved him.”
How does love relate to hard truth in this passage?

Reflection

- What “one thing” might Jesus be asking you to surrender?
- How can wealth (or comfort, security, status) subtly compete with devotion to Christ?

4. Jesus Predicts His Death (Mark 10:32–34)

Observation

- What specific details does Jesus give about His coming suffering?

Interpretation

- Why are the disciples amazed and afraid?
- What does this reveal about their expectations of the Messiah?

Reflection

- How do we sometimes resist the idea of a suffering Savior?
- What does it mean to follow a Savior who walks toward suffering?

5. James and John’s Request (Mark 10:35–45)

Observation

- What do James son of Zebedee and John son of Zebedee ask Jesus?
- How do the other disciples react?

Interpretation

- What misunderstanding do they have about glory and greatness?
- How does Jesus redefine greatness?

Key Verse Focus (v.45)

- “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve...”
What does this teach about the mission of Jesus?

Reflection

- Where are you tempted to seek recognition rather than serve?
- What would servant leadership look like in your home, church, or workplace?

6. Healing of Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46–52)

Observation

- How does Bartimaeus respond when he hears Jesus is passing by?
- What does the crowd do?

Interpretation

- Why does Bartimaeus persist despite opposition?
- What is significant about calling Jesus “Son of David”?

Reflection

- Where do you need to cry out persistently to Jesus?
- What does this story teach about faith and spiritual sight?