

DIVORCE

1. Read Mark 10:1-12. Why did some Pharisees bring up the issue of divorce?
2. Read Deuteronomy 24:1. Why did Moses allow for divorce?
3. Jesus explained why Moses allowed the people of his day to get divorces. What was that?
4. But this was not the LORD'S will. Read Malachi 2:13-16. What is the LORD'S will concerning marriage?
5. According to the New Testament, when are divorces permitted? See Matthew 5:32 and 1 Corinthians 7:12-15.
6. What is the basic principle we need to keep in mind about marriage? (verses 5–9)

JESUS, CHILDREN, AND THE REIGN AND RULE OF GOD

7. Read Mark 10:13-16. How is the Reign and Rule of God received like a child?
8. Although this text does not directly refer to infant baptism, it is often used in support of it. Why?

ETERNAL LIFE, RICHES, AND THE REIGN AND RULE OF GOD

9. Read Mark 10:17-31. How does this man's question relate to the previous section (Mark 10:13-16)?
10. Which commandments does Jesus cover in His recital of the Law? Why not the others? Consider verse 21. Also consider this: why does Jesus admonish the man in verse 21 rather than give him the Good News of God's forgiveness?

11. Reread verses 21-23 and 9:45. What do both of these passages have in common?

12. In the past, some Christians who read these words of Jesus, sold all they had and took up a monastic life. Does Jesus want all Christians to do this?

13. Why is it difficult for rich people to enter the Reign and Rule of God?