

1. Read Matthew 19:3-12; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18. What is the purpose of the Pharisees' question? Where does Jesus go to answer the question?
 - A. How does Jesus apply the Scripture of Genesis 1:27-28 and Genesis 2:23-25 in His teaching about God's purpose in marriage? How does Ephesians 5:22-33, written after the Cross and Pentecost, expand the teaching about marriage?
 - B. What was the disciples' reaction to Jesus' teaching about marriage and divorce? Does their response surprise you? Why or why not?
2. In view of our sex-obsessed age, what encouragement should be given young persons, who have not yet found their mate, to stand steady against the viewpoints of this world which differ from the New testament viewpoint.
3. Read Matthew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30. What is the motivation for the question this man proposed to Jesus? What was the presupposition that is revealed in his question?
 - A. Notice that Jesus' response includes only commands five through nine of the Ten Commandments which are the others-oriented commands. What commands did Jesus Omit (See also Matthew 22:37-40?)
 - B. How does this help us understand what Jesus is asking the man to do in Matt 19:21 and why does the man respond with sorrow in verse 22?
 - C. (Personal) What is the biggest rival to God in your affections?

4. What was the Disciples response to Jesus' teaching in 19:24? Explain Jesus' response to them in your own words.

5. Read Mat 20:1-16. Why do the first hired laborers grumble against the Master and how does the Master respond? Try to explain in your own words the basic teaching of this parable about the kingdom of heaven and of God's sovereignty and grace.

6. Read Matt 20:17-24 In what way did the members of the group around Jesus again show that they continued to ignore the basic meaning of the cross, which the Christian is called to "take up" when he commits himself to follow Jesus?

7. (Challenge) To drink God's cup usually means to drink God's cup of wrath, which is another way for describing the punishment consequent upon sin. (See Isaiah 51:17; Psalm 11:6.)
 - A. Why did Jesus who had no sin have to drink this cup? (See John 18:11; I Peter 2:24.)

 - B. Look up the word "Ransom" in a dictionary and write a definition for it that best fits the context of 20:28. Now rewrite Matt 20:28 in your own words

 - C. Exactly what did Jesus mean by saying that the disciples would share His cup and baptism of suffering seeing that no human being can add anything to His atonement for sin? (See Acts 12:1-2 and Rev 1:9)

8. Compare and contrast the request of the pair of blind men with the request of the Zebedee brothers. How is this a fitting end to His teaching about kingdom values in Chapters 19-20? (Question taken From the Institute Study of Matthew)