

Scripture

Mark 10:1-16 (NLT)

Discussion about Divorce and Marriage

- 1 Then Jesus left Capernaum and went down to the region of Judea and into the area east of the Jordan River. Once again crowds gathered around him, and as usual he was teaching them.
- 2 Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question: “Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife?”
- 3 Jesus answered them with a question: “**What did Moses say in the law about divorce?**”
- 4 “Well, he permitted it,” they replied. “He said a man can give his wife a written notice of divorce and send her away.”

- 5** But Jesus responded, “He wrote this commandment only as a concession to your hard hearts.”
- 6** “But ‘God made them male and female’ from the beginning of creation. **7** ‘This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, **8** and the two are united into one.’ Since they are no longer two but one, **9** let no one split apart what God has joined together.”
- 10** Later, when he was alone with his disciples in the house, they brought up the subject again.
- 11** He told them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery against her. **12** And if a woman divorces her husband and marries someone else, she commits adultery.”

Jesus Blesses the Children

- 13** One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.
- 14** When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, “**Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.** **15** I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.”
- 16** Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.