

Peace Lutheran Weekly Walk - Mark #6 Answer Key

Peace Lutheran invites all members and guests to follow a weekly Bible reading series at home. For past handouts and suggestions for leading a family devotion, go to <https://peacewels.org/weekly-walk/>. Questions about the readings can be addressed to either pastor or emailed to weeklywalk@peacewels.org

Prayer: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of Life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Day 1: Mark 9:38-50

When the disciples wanted to stop a man from performing miracles in Jesus' name, what did Jesus tell them?

Don't stop him. Whoever is not against us is for us.

What words of Jesus indicate that God watches His believers so closely He notices and rewards any act of kindness people offer to them?

Anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Jesus goes on to indicate that God's love is serious. He loves His believers (His children) with a vengeance. Why do you think it would be better for someone to have a millstone tied around their neck and thrown into the sea than to cause one of God's children to sin?

Tempting someone or being an influence that would lead them into sin—and further away from their Savior—is a serious sin which God will judge and punish harshly. If we have ever been the cause of someone sinning, let us repent and seek His forgiveness.

Would actually cutting off your hand or gouging out your eye really stop you from sinning? Where does sin reside? Then what is Jesus' point?

Sin lives in our hearts. So cutting off an arm or leg won't stop us from sinning. Jesus is emphasizing that sin is very serious and we should take it so lightly. Avoid sin as though your eternal fate depends on it.

If believers will not go to hell, what is the fire they'll be salted with?

The "fire" that believers are salted with is suffering. God permits His believers to suffer to curb their sin, bring them to repentance and induce

them to turn to Christ for mercy. This "salt" will help preserve us in a true and genuine faith for salvation.

Day 2: Mark 10:1-16

It may be surprising to learn that divorce was rampant in Jesus' day, perhaps even more than current day America. The Pharisees approved of divorce virtually for any reason—even if a husband simply didn't like his wife anymore. The sad reality was, the wife seldom had any recourse and often wound up homeless or as a prostitute.

According to Jesus, why did Moses provide laws concerning divorce in Old Testament times? Was it because God approves of divorce?

No. It was "because their hearts were hard." Moses had to provide civil laws about many things, including divorce, so that the Israelites operate as a community.

Read verse 7. Jesus quotes this verse from Genesis 2:24. This is how we know this verse is the basis for marriage. (Also notice, Jesus obviously confirms that the Creation Account is true and factual.) From verse 7, see if you can state the 3 things that establish a marriage.

1) Leave father and mother, 2) Be united to his wife, 3) The two become one flesh

How long does God intend marriage to last?

For our entire earthly life.

To what serious sin does Jesus equate thoughtless divorce and remarriage? **Adultery.**

To whom can we go to be set free from our guilt? (See Mark 10:45)

To Christ and His cross.

What word is used to describe Jesus' mood when the disciples tried to keep the children away from Him?

Indignant.

Day 3: Mark 10:17-31

Isn't Jesus' answer in verse 18 interesting? Why do you think He answers this way?

The young man didn't recognize that Jesus is God (only calling him "Good Teacher"). Jesus was pointing out to the young man that no one, that is, no human, is good. All are sinful.

Verse 21 is also interesting! Jesus stabs the man right through the heart. But according to verse 21, why?

Jesus burst the young man's bubble because He loved him. If the young man could recognize his sinfulness, perhaps he would realize how much he was in need of a Savior and would no longer be so self-righteous.

The man thought he had kept all the Commandments. Which Commandment was the man not able to keep?

The First.

If the man despaired of ever being good enough for heaven, what hope did he have of being saved?

Jesus had come to be his Savior and we are saved by His righteousness, not our own.

In verse 27 what hopeful words does Jesus give concerning the salvation of "difficult" cases? (Maybe our own case!)

All things are possible with God.

How do you think God rewards believers with "homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, etc."?

Everyone who shares the same faith in Jesus is a member of God's family of believers.

Day 4: Mark 10:32-45

Why were the disciples astonished according to verse 32?

Jesus was leading the way, headed toward Jerusalem. They knew there'd be trouble.

Do you see an outlandish contrast between what Jesus explained to His disciples in verses 32-35 and the request James and John made?

Jesus was going to Jerusalem to suffer and die in the worst sort of way to be the lowest servant to us all and to save us. James and John were seeking the highest place of honor for themselves.

Why do you think the other ten were indignant with James and John?

They wanted the same position of honor for themselves.

God always flips things upside down! The world thinks "leadership" means "getting to have your say" and "asserting yourself." How does Jesus define leadership in His Kingdom?

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.

Who is the greatest servant-leader of all time?

Jesus, the Son of Man.

Day 5: Mark 10:46-11:11

What did blind Bartimaeus call Jesus? Why was this significant?

"Son of David!" By this title the man was acknowledging that Jesus is the true Messiah.

"Lord, have mercy" is the oldest prayer! Why?

This is the first cry of a believer.

The Bible teaches that we are saved "through" faith and that "through" faith we receive all blessings from God. Explain how this applied to Bartimaeus according to verse 52.

Jesus said, "Your faith has healed you."

What was unique about the colt Jesus was riding into Jerusalem?

It had never been ridden before.

"Hosanna!" means "He saves!" or "Come save us now!"

Why do you think Jesus looked around the temple?

He was looking the place over as He was determining what He would do the next day (the cleansing of the temple).

Blessing: The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Ps 121:8)

Final Thoughts: In this week's readings we see how observant Jesus is. He observes and understands precisely what each situation and individual needs for their spiritual and eternal well-being.