

Peace Lutheran Weekly Walk - Mark #6

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?

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

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?

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

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?

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.

How long does God intend marriage to last?

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

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

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

Day 3: Mark 10:17-31

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

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

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

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

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

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

Day 4: Mark 10:32-45

Why were the disciples astonished according to verse 32?

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

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

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?

Who is the greatest servant-leader of all time?

Day 5: Mark 10:46-11:11

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

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

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.

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

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

Why do you think Jesus looked around 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.