Homegroup Questions

The aim of these questions is to remind us of what we have heard on Sunday mornings over the past month and to challenge us to think about application.

- Please do not feel that you need to plough through all the questions! You can be as selective as you like and even write some better ones if you wish.
- You might not want to try and cover everything. Feel free to just pick the last couple of Sundays – or perhaps one that really struck you.
- The study should last about 45 minutes because you want to leave time for prayer as well as refreshments and catching up with each other.

Mark 10

1-12 A call to faithfulness

The Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus by dragging him into the debate about divorce. They are fixed upon determining what is permissible, but Jesus exposes this as hardness of heart and takes them back to God's original intentions in marriage. 

You do not learn how to fly a plane by reading the guidelines for making a crashlanding!

Summary: Disciples of Christ are to reflect the faithfulness of God in the way we live and conduct our marriages.

Q What does the whole debate about divorce tell us about the hearts of the Pharisees? How might we be guilty of the same hardness?

Q According to Jesus here, what is God’s design for marriage? How does this clash with the world we live in?

Q What can we do when our marriages, and those of our brothers and sisters are struggling?

This is an area where we are under pressure from the world, the flesh (our own sinful hearts) and the devil. Please spend some time praying for marriages at WEC.

13-16 Who does the Kingdom belong to?

People are bringing their children to Jesus so that He can touch them. The disciples attempt to stop them by rebuking those who have come, but Jesus is indignant! He loves the children and doesn’t want any obstacles to be put between Him and them.

Jesus says that God’s Kingdom belong to people who share a common trait that these children have – they are entirely helpless and need everything done for them. Likewise, if we are to be Jesus disciples we must humble ourselves and come with empty hands.

Summary: We should follow Jesus example in loving children and we must be careful not to put any obstacles in their way which might hinder them from coming to Jesus.

Q How might we be putting obstacles between children and Jesus? What might need to change in our hearts and attitudes? What could you do, practically, to encourage children to come to Jesus?

Q Read v15. What is involved in receiving the Kingdom of heaven like a little child? Why do you think what Jesus says here would have been surprising to the disciples?