

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Jesus is the great teacher of His law. He gave it to us for our good, as He did all of His commands. Marriage and divorce is a perfect example. We want what we want and demand that He bless us in it instead of listening to His wisdom. The Pharisees used the law to try and trap Jesus instead of rejoicing that the Giver of marriage was before them to restore what we had twisted.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday

READ Mark 10:1-12; Ephesians 5:21-33; Song of Solomon 1:2; Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Matthew 19:9; First Corinthians 7:13-16; Romans 7:1-3. **DISCUSS** What is Christ restoring? How have we rebelled against Him because of our hard-heartedness? How does He restore us? **SERVE** someone in need. **MEDITATE** on **Song of Solomon 6:2-3; Hebrews 13:4.** **PRAY** “Jesus, show us how different Your Kingdom is from those of this earth. Enable us to love You.”

Monday

READ Mark 10:1-12; Ephesians 5:21-33; Song of Solomon 1:2. **DISCUSS** How does marriage picture Christ and His Church? How are you delighting in that today? **MEDITATE** on **Song of Solomon 6:2-3; Hebrews 13:4.** **PRAY**, “Jesus, thank You for pursuing us as Your bride. Thank You that You will never let us go.”

Tuesday

READ Mark 10:1-12; Song of Solomon 1:2; Genesis 2:18-25. **DISCUSS** What is God’s purpose in marriage? How can you rejoice in His good gifts? **SERVE** by considering someone else’s needs *above your own!* **MEDITATE** on **Song of Solomon 6:2-3; Hebrews 13:4.** **PRAY**, “Lord Jesus, You are our good Bridegroom. You love us so well and are even now interceding for us until You return to gather us to Yourself. Enable us to be faithful as part of Your bride as we delight in You and Your joining us together with Your people.”

Wednesday

READ **Mark 10:1-12; Deuteronomy 24:1-4**. DISCUSS What was the debate regarding Old Testament law? What were they missing, according to Jesus? MEDITATE on **Song of Solomon 6:2-3; Hebrews 13:4**. PRAY, “Lord, thank You for *Your good gifts like marriage*. Forgive us for the ways we twist them. Teach us to obey You joyfully.”

Thursday

READ **Mark 10:1-12; Song of Solomon 1:2; Matthew 19:9; First Corinthians 7:13-16; Romans 7:1-3**. DISCUSS What do these passages teach about divorce? What does submission to them look like in your life today? SERVE by demonstrating God’s tenderness! MEDITATE on **Song of Solomon 6:2-3; Hebrews 13:4**. PRAY, “Lord, enable us to see Your kindness in what You command. Enflame our hearts with love for You Christ, our Bridegroom.”

Friday

READ **Mark 10:1-12; Ephesians 5:21-33; Song of Solomon 1:2; Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Matthew 19:9; First Corinthians 7:13-16; Romans 7:1-3**. DISCUSS How has the Holy Spirit been guiding you *this week through these passages*? MEDITATE on **Song of Solomon 6:2-3; Hebrews 13:4**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *be delighted in Christ*.

Saturday

PREPARE today for *gathered worship tomorrow*. READ **Mark 10:1-52**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for Sunday School at **9:00** and the **10:30** worship service. Ask the Lord to *make us more like Jesus*.

Meditate on Song of Solomon 6:2-3; Hebrews 13:4

“My beloved has gone down to his garden to the beds of spices,
to graze in the gardens and to gather lilies.
I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine;
he grazes among the lilies.”

Let *marriage be held in honor among all*, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.