

Bible Study 12 - Rethinking controversial issues - Mark 10

Recently thousands of people fled to the Sinjar mountains to escape the rapid advance of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. Under Sharia law Christians living in territory conquered by Muslims are given three options: live as second-class citizens under crippling restrictions and pay a humiliating tax; convert to Islam; or face death. "Blasphemy laws" are used against Christians in Egypt and Pakistan. There is a death penalty for those who leave Islam. Today we look at God's attitude toward those that are weak and vulnerable.

PART 1 Read and summarise each section - Mark 10:1-31

Context Mk. 3:6 Mk. 6:17-28	
Q&A - Divorce (v.1-12)	
Children welcomed (v.13-16)	
Q&A - Eternal life (v.17-22)	
Wealth (v.23-27)	
Forsaking all (v.28-30)	
Warning (v.31)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about Jesus Christ.

2. What I learnt about people like us.

3. What is the most important biblical principle being taught?

4. Summarise the key verse(s) in your own words

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. What characteristic of a child do you want to emulate in your relationship with God (v.15)?

7. Who are weak and vulnerable in your community?

Let's care for the weak and vulnerable like husbands are to protect their wives, instead of divorcing them; and like Jesus welcomed children because the kingdom of God is entered by child-like faith, not wealth.

