

## THE POWER OF ASKING QUESTIONS

### About Divorce

Mark 10:2 (NIV) *Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"*

**QUESTION #1: "What did Moses command you?"** (Mark 10:3)

<sup>4</sup> *They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." <sup>5</sup> "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied.*

### Rich Young Ruler

Mark 10:17 (NIV) *As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

**QUESTION #2: "Why do you call me good?"** (Mark 10:18)

Mark 10:19 (NIV) *You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'*" <sup>20</sup> *"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."*

Mark 10:21 (NIV) *Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."* <sup>22</sup> *At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.*

### Serving Others

Mark 10:35 (NIV) *Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."*

**QUESTION #3: "What do you want me to do for you?"** (Mark 10:36)

<sup>37</sup> *They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." <sup>38</sup> "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said.*

You have no idea.

**QUESTION #4: "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"** (Mark 10:38)

<sup>39</sup> *"We can," they answered.*

## Blind Bartimaeus

Mark 10:49 (NIV) *Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."* <sup>50</sup> *Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.*

**QUESTION #5: *What do you want me to do for you?*** (Mark 10:51)

## Chapter 11

Fig Tree and clearing the Temple.

**QUESTION #6: *Is it not written: My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations?***  
(Mark 11:17)

*But you have made it a den of robbers.*

## Jesus' Authority Questioned

Mark 11:27 (NIV) *They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. <sup>28</sup> "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you authority to do this?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, "I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.*

**QUESTION #7: *John's baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin?*** (Mark 11:30)

## **Good Questions:**

- 1). It makes you think deeper and reflectively.
- 2). It could stimulate meaningful conversations and listening.

## **Two Questions:**

1. What are our **MOTIVES**?
2. What's the DEEPER ISSUE?

*"Being heard is so close to being loved that most people cannot tell the difference."*  
- David Augsburger

## **Two Practical Tips:**

- Be curious not condemning.
- Ask "WHY" questions.