

Eastridge Church  
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 30: Toes On the Line

Passage: Mark 10:1-12



Conversation Starter:

*Do you have a funny story from your childhood or from when your kids were young about someone pushing the line of the rules?*

Pastor Dwain highlighted how we have a tendency to push our actions right up to the line of what is acceptable. A desire to know the rules, not so that we can live safely within them, but so we can know how close we can get without breaking them. *Would you say this is true for you? Or true in general? What does this type of attitude reveal about the condition of our hearts?*

Read Mark 10:1-12. We see the Pharisees in this passage testing Jesus to see what they can get away with in the area of marriage and divorce. *How does your thinking of marriage align with what Jesus is telling the Pharisees in this passage? If you had to summarize Jesus' views on marriage from this passage, what would you say? How do Jesus' views conflict with the views our culture espouses?*

In the final part of the sermon, Pastor Dwain highlighted how the unity or "oneness" that Jesus talks about in verse 9 is a core principle of what God has been looking to accomplish in **all relationships** since the Fall in Genesis. We see that Jesus came to reconcile and make us one with Him and the Father (John 17:20-23). As we give our lives to Christ, we join Him on His "reconciliation team". *What does it look like to join Jesus in His mission of reconciling and redeeming? What are some practical things you can do to join Him this week?*

Finally, take some time to reflect on the relationships you have with those closest to you. *What relationships have you relied on in this season and what have you done to remain connected? Where have you seen God working in your relationships in this season?*

*Close your time praying for families and relationships of those around you. Pray that we would be willing to put the needs of others before our own and that we would have the humility to ask for help and insight into areas of our lives that may need to be addressed. Areas that may be working against the relational unity He is calling us to.*