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## Daily Reading Questions

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

**Digging Deeper:** What is God's design for marriage?

Reading 1: Mark 10:1-12 In a marriage, two become one flesh.

When was marriage instituted? What is God's design for marriage? What is the cause of divorce? What is the problem with divorce?

Reading 2: Malachi 2:10-16 Marriage is a covenant that is not to be broken.

Why was God not paying attention to the people's offerings? What is God's feeling towards divorce? Why?

Reading 3: Ephesians 5:22-33 In a marriage, men and women have different roles.

What does it mean to submit? Why are wives to submit to their husbands? In what way are husbands to love their wives? What is the difference between love and respect? If God commands women to respect their husbands, what does that mean men need? If God commands men to love their wives, what does that mean women need? Why do men and women need to be treated differently?

Reading 4: 1 Peter 3:1-7 In a marriage, men and women should relate rightly to one another.

What are women called to do in terms of their husbands? What does that mean? What is the result of their doing that? What are husbands called to do in terms of their wives? What does that mean? What is the result of their doing that?

Reading 5: Proverbs 31:10-12 In a marriage, partners bring good to one another.

Why is a wife of noble character so valuable? How can spouses bring one another good? What is the result of their doing that? How can spouses bring one another harm? What is the result of their doing that?

Reading 6: Proverbs 5:18-23 A Marriage Story

Ask your parents about how they met and became a couple. Ask them about what God has done in their lives, their struggles and the value of the one-flesh relationship. If your parents are divorced, ask about the problems that they have encountered as a result and why it falls short of what God desires.



UPPER ELEMENTARY-ADULT

LEVEL 4

HOME JOURNAL

### LESSON 23



### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**What is special about the marriage relationship?**

### MEMORY VERSE

#### Mark 10:6-8

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## Parent Notes

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of your child, or parent preference, he/she may do the work in this journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the questions about the day's reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week's big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory.
- **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the **Thinking It Through** questions at the back of the booklet and then have the student write out the answers.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

## Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

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**Reading 5:** Proverbs 31:10-12

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

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## **What is special about the marriage relationship?**

In marriage, a man and a woman become one flesh.

**Mark 10:6-8**

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**DIGGING DEEPER**

This week in your daily Bible readings you will be digging deeper. You will be reading passages describing what is God's design for marriage. As you read pray that your mind would be open to understand God's plan more fully. The questions for each reading are on the back cover. They will help you think more deeply about each passage.

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**Reading 4:** and women need to be treated differently?

**Reading 4:** 1 Peter 3:1-7

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