DIVORCE AND CHILDREN

Matthew 19:1–15

Key Verse: 19:14

1. Where did Jesus go, and what did he do? (1,2) What did the Pharisees ask him? (3) How was this a test?
2. How did Jesus answer them? (4–6) What does it mean that God created marriage? That the two “become one flesh”? Why is it so important to live based on these truths?
3. What exception did the Pharisees bring up? (7; cf. Dt24:1–4) What did Jesus say to them? (8,9; cf. Lk16:18) Why do you think he allowed only sexual immorality as grounds for divorce?
4. How did the disciples respond, and why? (10) Whom did Jesus address, and what does it mean to live this way? (11,12)
5. What did people do, and why? (13a) How did the disciples respond and why? (13b) Read verses 14,15. What can we learn here about Jesus and his kingdom? What does it mean to be “such as these”? (11:25; 18:3; 1Pe2:2) To “hinder them”? In light of this, what kind of people should we be, and what influence should we have?