Bible Study Thoughts 9/6/17

Marriage and Divorce *Mark 10:1-12*

The divorce rate among Christians is lower than "they" say.

God's original plan was for man and woman to be married and stay married.

The people were set on getting divorced, so God allowed it. Just like He allowed the children of Israel to have a king.

Just because God allows you to get something doesn't mean that it is God's will for you to have it.

Isaac wasn't God's will.

We can get so set on wanting things that we bypass the will of God.

Jesus Blesses the Little Children *v.13-16*

Jesus was displeased at the disciples not allowing children access to Him.

Children have an openness to new things, a readiness to follow, a willingness to trust.

The way adults ask questions is different than the way children ask. Children really want to know, while adults seek to challenge.

We need to ask our questions honestly, with a teachable spirit, ready to learn.

We want to understand stuff before we do it. But when it comes to God and what He says, it is not a prerequisite for our understanding.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, not when God does something.

Everything we believe is on the basis of a Word.

Luke 16:28-31

The rich man wanted Lazarus to be sent to his brother's house so they can believe. Abraham said, NO. They have Moses and the prophets. We have already been given everything we need to believe. The Word of God.

The more we hear the Word, the more we will believe.

For future study...

Jesus Councils the Rich Young Ruler v. 17-22

We know the man is rich, because the passage says he has great possessions. But how do we know he was young and how do we know he was a ruler?