

# Space for God Joined Together

## PREPARATION

But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.  
1 Corinthians 6:17

## CONFESSION

"The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked.  
Who really knows how bad it is?  
**But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people  
their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."**  
Jeremiah 17:9-10

## WORSHIP

How kind the Lord is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours!  
**The Lord protects those of childlike faith; I was facing death, and he saved  
me. Let my soul be at rest again, for the Lord has been good to me.**  
Psalm 116:5-7

## MEDITATION – Mark 10:2-16\*

Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question: "Should a man be  
allowed to divorce his wife?"

Jesus answered them with a question: "What did Moses say in the law about  
divorce?"

"Well, he permitted it," they replied. "He said a man can give his wife a written  
notice of divorce and send her away."

But Jesus responded, "He wrote this commandment only as a concession to your  
hard hearts. But 'God made them male and female' from the beginning of cre-  
ation. 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his  
wife, and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, let  
no one split apart what God has joined together."

Later, when he was alone with his disciples in the house, they brought up the  
subject again. He told them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries someone  
else commits adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and  
marries someone else, she com-  
mits adultery."

One day some parents brought  
their children to Jesus so he could  
touch and bless them. But the  
disciples scolded the parents for  
bothering him.

### IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to  
them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God  
belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who  
doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Then he took  
the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

## ANCHORING PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, I come to You as Your child.*

## REVIEW OF THE HEART

*How did I honour God despite relational difficulties?  
In what way could my heart be softer and less self-serving?*

## WISDOM

As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his  
wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an  
illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. Ephesians 5:31-32

Didn't the Lord make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his.  
And what does he want? Godly children from your union. So guard your  
heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. Malachi 2:15

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God  
will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.  
Hebrews 13:4

## TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

## INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

## BENEDICTION

**Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.  
Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does  
not love does not know God, for God is love. We love each other because he  
loved us first.**

**-Amen-**

1 John 4:7-8,19

### SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.  
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and  
Speak and act from a listening heart.  
Actively serve in community with others.