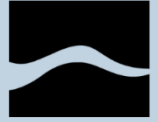


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS TRUE FAMILY

Mark 3:20-21, 31-35



BIG IDEA: To follow Jesus is to step into a new family, where faith and obedience matter more than flesh and blood.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

“When you think of the word family, what images, feelings, or values come to mind? What makes someone feel like ‘family’ to you—even if you’re not related by blood?”

Why do you think Jesus’ family tried to stop him (vv. 20–21)? What does this reveal about how even those closest to him misunderstood his mission?

Why is Jesus’ question in v. 33 (“Who are my mother and my brothers?”) so shocking in the cultural context of the time?

What does Jesus mean by saying, “Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother” (v. 35)?

APPLY

Do I assume I belong to Jesus because of religious background, church involvement, or family ties—without personal faith and obedience?

Where in my life am I resisting or delaying obedience to the will of God?

Do I value my spiritual family—the church—with the same seriousness and affection that I give to my biological family? Why or why not?

What might God be asking me to let go of so that I can fully embrace my place in his family?

How can I help cultivate a spiritual family environment in my church—one marked by love, forgiveness, and shared obedience?

COMMIT

This week, take one intentional step to strengthen your bond with someone in your spiritual family—reach out, encourage, serve, or pray with them as a way of living out your identity in God’s household.