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Who is My Family?

Mark 3:20-21, 31-35

I. The _____ Distant Family (vv. 20-21)

I. The Immediate _____ Family (vv. 31-32)

I. The God-given _____ Family (vv. 33-35)

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Genesis 2:24; 1:28; Col. 3:18-21. According to these verses how does the Bible describe and define a family? How is that different from today's definition of a family?

2. Read Mark 3:20-21. Why did Jesus' extended family come to seize him? What do you think about this? Was Jesus crazy? (Col. 1:15-20)

3. Read Mark 3:31-32. According to Mark 6:3, does Jesus have brothers and sisters? Why is this important to understand and believe?

4. Read Mark 3:33-35. What is it that Jesus is trying to say in these verses?

5. Read Romans 9:6-8 and Galatians 3:26-29. What do these passages teach us about our spiritual family?

6. Look at Mark 3:35 again. What is the emphasis here?

7. How can we as a church honor and respect our earthly families while at the same time seeing and applying the priority that Jesus also places on our spiritual family?