

Introduction

(Watch Video)

Open it up to the group to see if anyone has any thoughts they want to share about what was discussed in the video.

Read

(Leader will read this text out loud asking people to listen and see what stands out or speaks to them)

Matthew 12:46–50 (NIV)

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.”

⁴⁸ He replied to him, “**Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?**” ⁴⁹ Pointing to his disciples, he said, “**Here are my mother and my brothers.**” ⁵⁰ **For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”**

Ask the group what stood out to them in the text.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you think people today tend to see themselves more as individuals or as part of a group? Why?
2. In what ways do you think growing up in an individualistic culture has shaped how you view relationships, church, and belonging?
3. When you hear Jesus say, “Whoever does the will of my Father is my family,” what do you think He means by this?
4. When you hear the idea that following Jesus brings you into a “family,” what feels natural about that and what feels unfamiliar or challenging?

5. Do you view your relationship with God more as something personal and individual, or something shared with others? How might that perspective affect how you understand the “family of God”?

Closing

This week, pay attention to how you naturally think. Is it mainly about my life, my goals, my plans, or do you think in terms of belonging to something bigger and a shared responsibility?