



# The Inside/Outside of the Kingdom

***He replied to them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” Looking at those sitting in a circle around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”***

***Mark 3:13-15***

1. As a group, read Mark 3:20-35 together.
2. In this text, we see that those closest to Jesus and those most theologically trained get it completely wrong when it comes to Jesus. They brushed him off as a lunatic and accused him of being demonic. These two groups of people are the ones we would expect to be on the “inside” of what Jesus was doing and God’s kingdom yet Mark shows us that they’re actually on the outside.

What does this teach us about the nature of true saving faith?

3. We also recognize in this text that a person can be fully convinced that they are in/doing the will of God yet be fully wrong. How do we run the danger of doing the same thing?
4. Jesus’ ministry cost him earthly relationships and ridicule. What has following Jesus cost you?
5. Jesus says to his audience that it those who “do the will of God” are his true family. What did he mean by this? How are some people under a delusion that they are part of the family of God yet, in truth, they are outside?
6. What one thing did God teach you from this passage and what changes are you going to make in your life to obey Him?

# Family Worship Guide

*You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*  
(Deuteronomy 11:19)



## Why we use this resource...

We believe that parents are the primary disciple-makers in the lives of their children. Part of our mission as a church is to teach people how to follow Jesus. We want to equip parents to disciple their children in following Jesus.

## Where to use this resource...

**1**

**IN THE CAR**

Talk about these things as you are riding in the car going about your life. Be intentional.

**2**

**AROUND THE TABLE**

Try and work some intentional time in the word and prayer during dinner.

**3**

**INTENTIONAL TIMING**

Find ways to be intentional about talking with your family throughout the week about these biblical truths.



### Discuss

Spend time this week talking about biblical truths.



### Pray

Spend time this week praying about how you can live out the biblical truths.



### Live it Out

Spend time this week living out the biblical truths.

## How to use this resource...

The following questions and Bible reading can be done in one sitting or spread out throughout the week. The point is to build upon the sermon you and your family heard on Sunday and reinforce the biblical truths in your hearts and home.

1. This week's focus for our family devotions is on what it means to belong to God's family.
2. As a family, take some time this week to read Mark 3:20-35.
3. Ask: Have you ever been made fun of for something you believed?
4. Ask: Why do you think Jesus' family was embarrassed of him? Do you think this hurt him?
5. Ask: As a family, talk about who Satan is and how Jesus' coming was a threat to Satan's kingdom.
6. In this passage, Jesus compares Satan to a strong man who has been bound up and robbed by a stronger man (Jesus). How does it make



you feel knowing that Jesus is stronger than and has defeated Satan?

6. Ask: Jesus said that those who do God's will are part of God's family. What does it mean to "do God's will"?

### Memory Verse for the Week:

How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers  
Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.

### Psalm 1:1-2

## SINGING TOGETHER

This week, in corporate worship, we sang "Jesus Paid It All." Throughout the week, continue singing it as a family. You can find the song here – <https://youtu.be/-FHwdx5Blvc>

