

Journey Through Mark: **The Family of God**

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v. 34-35

The True Family

I. **The Earthly Family**

Key Truth: We Are a Part of the Family of God

II. **The Family of God**

Mark 3:20-21 & 31-35

v. 20-21

Context: The Frustrated Family

Point: His Family Did Not Believe He Was the Messiah

v. 31-33

Who Is My Family?

Point: Some Things Transcend the Bond of Flesh and Blood

III. **How We Relate to Each Other**

Point: Our Brothers and Sisters Follow God's Will

Mid-Week Devotional (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)

Take a moment to think about your family: your parents, siblings, children, etc. Think about the last time that one of them wronged you, or about the last time you disagreed with each other. Since that time, has there been peaceful resolution or has there been continued conflict? Now think about your church family: those you call brothers and sisters in Christ. When was the last time conflict arose between you and your brothers and sisters in Christ, and what came from it?

In some cases, it may be easier to make peace with your earthly family than with your spiritual family. Certainly, peace is desired in both areas! But in this week's passage, Christ placed a special emphasis on the spiritual family of God. This emphasis should make us think hard about how we handle conflict and division within the church.

Do you view your fellow Christian as a family member in Christ? How can this shift in worldview impact the way you interact with fellow Christians and with the world around you? Take time this week to pray about how you can serve and care for your brothers and sisters in Christ in a meaningful and heartfelt way.