

# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



## **Welcome to the Family**– Mark 3

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“All families are psychotic.” Ok, maybe a little far. But dysfunctional? And yet family is one of the most common ways of describing a local church.

Listen in as Lewis Roderick takes us to Mark 3 and shows us what it means for the church to be a family.

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God’s Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What struck you most in this message? Did you find anything surprising?
- How do you feel about the notion of radical acceptance? What are the biggest barriers in your life to extending this to others?
- Consider a recent time when you struggled most to accept someone in the fellowship? Why was this? How might the gospel of grace transform this, and what might you need to do to make it right?
- “Radical acceptance cannot be sampled or tried before you buy’d.” To know it we must be willing to live out a counter-cultural commitment to one another. How do you feel about this?
- Read Acts 2: 42-47. How might these verses inspire you today to live out church as family?