



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 4/3/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 4/10/2022
TEXT: MARK 3:20-35

WHO'S IN THE FAMILY?

I. JESUS' FAMILY (vss. 20-21; 31-32)

II. THE RELIGIOUS FAMILY (vs. 22)

III. SATAN'S FAMILY (vs. 22)

IV. THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY (vss. 33-35)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Mark 3:20-21; 31-32.** Why was Jesus' mother and brothers concerned about Him? What did Jesus' brothers not believe about Him (see **John 7:5**)? What did Mary apparently not understand? What did they determine about Jesus' physical and mental state?

2. **Read Mark 3:22.** It had been the local religious leaders that had been hostile to Jesus. Now who is it that comes already believing what they had apparently been told by the locals? What serious charges (2) did they make against Jesus? What is ironic about the first charge?

3. What were the Pharisees claiming when they said that Jesus "has Beelzebub?" Jesus responded to the charges by using three parables: The Divided Kingdom, The Divided House, and The Binding of the Strong Man. According to **Mark 4:11-12**, why did Jesus resort to using parabolic speech? What was Jesus' point in the Divided Kingdom and Divided House stories? What was His point with the Binding of the Strong Man story?

4. **Read Mark 3:31-35.** Who can we assume was "sitting around" Jesus (who was circled around Him)? Who does Jesus say constitutes His true family (vs. 35)? What is all involved in doing the will of God?

5. **Read I Peter 1:23 and John 3:5-6.** Who is in the family of God? What does this say about the importance of the church?

6. How should the spiritual family function? What should brothers and sisters in Christ do and how should they treat one another? If you treated your spiritual family like you treat your physical family, what would that look like? If you treated your physical family like your spiritual family what would that look like?