

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS— MARK 3:31-35

FAMILY PRIORITIES

In this account in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' family came seeking Him, hoping to bring Him home and keep Him out of trouble. Jesus' response to His family reveals much about how we are to view our own family relationships.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 3:20-21 and 3:31-35. Why was Jesus' family seeking Him? _____

What was Jesus' response to His family in this situation? _____

What does Jesus' response teach us about our own priorities regarding our families? _____

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What is your reaction to this teaching by Jesus? _____

Has your physical family become more important to you than your spiritual family or even your relationship with Jesus? **Yes** **No**

If so, how? _____

Does this teaching mean that we should love our physical families less? **Yes** **No**

Does it imply that we should abandon or neglect them? **Yes** **No**

Why is it important that we prioritize our relationship with Jesus over everything else in our lives? _____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

How can you begin to change your priorities so that Jesus has the first place in your life? **Yes** **No**

What steps can you take to begin to prioritize your spiritual family over your physical family? _____

How can you encourage the members of your physical family to prioritize Jesus and their spiritual family? _____

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

What steps will you take this week to make your relationship with Jesus your top priority? _____

How will you prioritize your spiritual family this week? _____