

· Jesus & His Family - Matthew 12:46-50

Ideas for an intro

- Family. There is something about that title that seems to bypass a ton of things. We tend to fight with our family, but we can get really protective about them. One thing I experienced growing up was that the term 'family' didn't just stop at blood. It seemed like over time, friends became family. As I got older, I discovered that this wasn't just limited to my parents, it occurred with other family members. I've always liked the idea of a big family. In today's session, we'll discuss the idea of family and how it changes when a person becomes a part of God's family.

A Biblical Passage to focus on

1. Read Matthew 12:46-50

A short devotional based on that Biblical passage

2. What is Jesus doing at the beginning of this passage? (v. 46)
3. Who is on the outside of this crowd?
4. What do they want?
5. What is Jesus told? (v. 47)
6. What is Jesus' response? (v. 48-50)
7. What is required to be included into 'family'?

Brainstorming questions for you and your team

1. When it comes to Christ, where would you place yourself? Close to Jesus? In the crowd? Outside? Why?
2. When it comes to family, how much do they need to do in order to get your attention?
3. How many on your team/ministry/club would you consider to be family?
4. Why?
5. How many on your team/ministry/club would consider you to be family?
6. How would you know that?
7. What are some ways you can know what God's will is?
8. When was the last time you remember personally doing God's will?
9. When was the last time your team/ministry/club did God's will? How do you know that?

Application Concepts

1. List out some ways to confirm God's will
2. Treat family, friends, ministry/club partners well.
3. List out some others in the body of Christ you may not have a close relationship with.
4. Develop some new partnerships from within the family of Christ.

This week's Holy Experiment...or ask God for another for this week

1. Meet up with another church/ministry/believer you do not normally partner with and do something together. (Pray, worship, serve)