

Unit 2

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**FAITH: LIVING IN COMMUNITY**  
**Mark 3:20-21; 31-34**

**Open with Praise Time:** *“Loving Relationships”* –What are some specific parts of the family of God at your Church, your extended family, the missionaries and new church works you support, that you want to give praise to God for?

**Scripture:** Mark 3:20-21; 31-34

**The Bottom Line:** The family of God in Christ is made up of all those who hear and do God’s will.

**LESSON PLAN**



denotes Apply:



Connect: an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters.

What are some of the greatest advances we have seen in the past few years?

**Transition:** There seems to be a family in the eyes of Jesus that is much more precious than genetics. If that is so, and it is, then we need to understand exactly what Jesus’ point is in this teaching.

**Read Mark 3:20-21**

1. Why is Jesus’ family coming after him?

**To take hold of = krateō; κρατέω** – to grasp firmly, hold fast, have power over, to restrain. *(They were coming to tackle Jesus and drag Him off if necessary!)*

Why? **“out of His mind” – existēma; εξίστημα** – to be crazy, beside oneself, out of your mind. *(They want to drag Jesus’ away from the people because they think He’s gone off the deep end with all this great teacher stuff! The candles are there but the flames out!)*



What are some of the teachings of Jesus that Christians, who are supposed to be Jesus’ family, have been embarrassed by?



In what ways have we tried to subdue Jesus, to silence Him?

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*Just after this the Pharisees throw in their opinion. They say Jesus is possessed by the devil. They blaspheme the Holy Spirit by saying His power is not from heaven, not the power of the Holy Spirit of God, but the power of Satan, Beelzebub, working these miracles through Jesus. Now that you have the scene that is taking place, We can better understand Jesus response about the true family.*

**Read Mark 3:31-34**

1. Who were Jesus' legal brothers?

*Read Matthew 13:55. Jesus has 4 half-brothers: James, Joses, Judas and Simon. Jude is the English form of Judas. Jesus also has sisters. We don't know how many sisters, but there were several. Maybe they think He has pushed Himself so hard he's gone crazy or maybe they are embarrassed by the brother who seems to have some death wish, challenging the teachings of the great religious leaders.*

2. Did Jesus' brothers believe who He was at this point in their lives?



**Interactive Teaching Ideas:** (Break into groups and have each table discuss this question then list the answers on the board.) - What are some of the things Jesus has taught that are a little embarrassing to you?

*(Make the point that there are things Jesus has taught as truth that we wish He had not stated so clearly. We would rather not have to deal with those words.)*



What are some teachings of Jesus that many religious leaders would rather not hear?

3. How does Jesus respond to those who tell Him His mother and brothers are outside looking for Him?
4. Is Jesus being disrespectful to His family?



In what ways to you see the active servants of this church as your family?

*Let's back up and look at the word, "does." It is an active aorist subjunctive verb. That means it is a choice we personally choose to make and it is likely that we will make that permanent lifestyle choice.*

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1. What is the choice that those who are truly Jesus' family are to make and carry out continually with their lives?



On a scale of 1 (oblivious) to 10 (totally obsessed), how would you rate your choice to learn and to do the will of God with your life?



**CARING TIME: SHARE AND PRAY**

Share the bottom line: Discuss some of the things you want to do to better hear and do the word of God this week. Pray for one another at the table.