

Session 3

‘Who’s My Family?’



Reading:

Mark 3:20-21 & 31-35

Introduction:

What were some of the family values or activities that characterised your childhood?

Were there any of these values or activities that you rebelled against as a child? & Why?

Are there any of these values that you have brought into adult life and sought to emulate? & Why?

WORD:

Take some time to read the passages.

- *Jesus' family came to seize Jesus - they had concluded that he was 'out of his mind / insane / beside himself' (v21). The passage doesn't exactly say why they thought this - what could be some of the reasons? (there might be a clue in verse 22)*
- *In your journey of being a follower of Jesus - has anyone accused you of being 'mad or crazy'? Why?*

Jesus was filled with the Spirit, he was doing what he saw his Heavenly Father do. This involved teaching, healing and praying for deliverance of those oppressed. His agenda, the shape and pattern of his life was directed by the Father & empowered. And this causes a reaction - his family wanted to 'tame' him, to get him back on their agenda...

So they stand on the edges of the crowd & call out to him.

And those who hear, tell Jesus - your Mother & Brothers are - seeking you. Then Jesus answers with these radical words (33-25).

- *What strikes you with what Jesus said?*
- *What does this say to you in this moment?*

PRAYER:

What prayer response does today's reading and discussion invite?

ACTION:

When we respond to Jesus call - 'Come Follow Me', we enter into a new family of sisters and brothers. We don't get to choose these people. But now we are in family.

How will that influence how we see and act towards one another in this LIFEgroup, and our church?

Where is God challenging you?