



PART 4 - WE ARE FAMILY

Mark 3:31-35

1 | JESUS REDEFINES FAMILY

The 1st Century world of Jesus' time was a strong group culture. The needs goals and desires of the group take **HIGHER PRIORITY** than those of the individual.

For Jesus, his family is made up of all those that **DO** the will of his Father and **OBEDY** his teachings. (Matthew 12:46-50; Luke 8:19-20)

2 | JESUS WIDENS THE FAMILY CIRCLE

(Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:15; Romans 8:29; Ephesians 2:19-22)

Because of the gospel, we are **ADOPTED** into God's family by his love. God is now our **FATHER**, Jesus is our **ELDER BROTHER** and we are members of God's **HOUSEHOLD**, his Church.

3 | FAMILY RULES

1 Timothy 3:15 "... [that] you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth."

- a) We gracefully **ACCEPT** one another.

- b) We **SHARE** our **STUFF** with one another.

- c) We **SERVE** one another.

- d) We are fiercely **COMMITTED** and **LOYAL** to one another.

- e) We don't **QUIT** on one another.

4 | WHERE ARE YOU

In response to our identity as a family you are either:

- a) **COMMITTED**

- b) **CASUAL**

- c) **CUT OFF**