



Guidelines: sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. You may or may not get through all questions during your small group time.

Sermon Discussion

1. Read Mark 3:1-35 and review the **main points** of the sermon.

- a. One metaphor for the church in the New Testament is: Family
- b. Protect your spiritual identity by striving to be pleasing to God
- c. Protect your spiritual identity by increasing your “Christ-Esteem” seeing yourself as God sees you.

2. Reflect and Ruminare:

- a. What comes to your mind when you hear the word, “Family”?
- b. How does the “family” metaphor impact the way you view your relationship with God?
- c. How does the “family” metaphor affect your relationship with others?
- d. Jesus immediate family didn’t believe in Him. How about your family? Are you a first generation Christian in your family or do you come from a Christian home? How does your family react to your Christian life and choices? Are they open to reason or do they think you’re, “out of your mind”?



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3. Renew Thoughts & Replace Actions:

- a. Spiritual identity theft is real. Do you struggle more with the attacks from the world or from within your own thoughts?
- b. Which one of the following can you focus on this week to help you see yourself as God sees you?
 - i. His perfect child (Eph 1:4-5)
 - ii. Jesus’ holy sibling (Heb 2:11)
 - iii. Heir to the throne of grace (Gal 4:7)
 - iv. Precious and loved (Isaiah 43:4)
 - v. Other_____ ?

4. Request:

- a. What’s the most challenging spot in your life right now to live out your identity in Christ? How can we pray for and encourage you to live out your identity in Christ this week?

5. Remember the Gospel:

- a. Sanctification is slow. Only pick one area of your life right now that you need to rebuild your identity in Christ. Our enemy wants you to focus on what you don’t have or where you think you should be vs. where you’ve come from and what you do have.

Prayer Emphasis:

- Barnabas team member: share one prayer request for our missionaries serving overseas.
- Pray for an opportunity to serve the body of Christ or our community as a small group.