

LIFE Night: Family Focus
The Family of God

Passage: Mark 3:7-35

I. _____ Characteristics of God's Family

A. _____ is an artificial characteristic (3:21, 31-32).

B. _____ is an artificial characteristic (3:22).

II. Genuine Characteristics of God's Family

A. Being _____ by Christ (3:13-19).

B. _____ to God (3:33-34).

Application Question:

1. What have you been reading and studying in Scripture this week?
2. How have you sought to share with others (family, etc.) what you are learning?
3. Why are fakes hard to spot even in the Christian community?
4. What are the two false characteristics in this passage that some people relied on in order to be rightly related to God?
5. Why was Jesus' statement so shocking? Is it shocking for us today? Why or why not?
6. What are some statements that reveal that someone is relying on a false premise to be in God's family? (example: I have always been saved; my family is saved; I've grown up in church).
7. Do we sometimes assume if someone has grown up in church they are saved? Is that helpful or hurtful for the community and the individual?
8. Do we sometimes assume that if someone has good "religious" sounding answers that they are saved? Is that helpful or hurtful for the community and the individual?
9. What are the two genuine characteristics of being rightly related to Jesus (i.e. part of God's family)?
10. With the above characteristics in mind, how does that change how we talk to people that are visitors to church or if we are visiting a new church?