

The Family of Jesus

In Luke 8:1-21, we have an account of Jesus' ministry in which we see who is travelling with him (vs.1-3) followed by three passages underscoring the nature of the people who are truly following him – who are truly his disciples; even his family.

What does being in the family of Jesus require?

1. The importance of Natural Kinship
 - a. Kinship in Jesus' day
 - b. Mary and her other children are not rejected
 - c. But, natural kinship does not define family relationship with Jesus
2. Two Necessities for Spiritual Kinship with Jesus
 - a. Hearing the Word of God
 - b. Doing the Word of God
 - c. BOTH are necessary – neither is sufficient alone.
 - i. Faith without Works is dead *James 2:17*
 - ii. Works without Faith is sin *Romans 14:23*

Application:

1. Are there areas in your life where you need to hear what God has to say about _____?
2. Do you need encouragement or accountability to, having heard the word of God, obey it? Have you considered joining a Community Group?
3. Are you a member of Jesus' family?